



OAK LAWN-HOMETOWN

School District 123

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School District 123 Announces Emergency Closure Following Threat Directed at Kolmar School

Oak Lawn, IL — School District 123 announced the closure of all district schools today, Friday, January 30, 2026, following the receipt of a serious and threatening message directed at Kolmar Avenue Elementary School.

Out of an abundance of caution and in close coordination with the Oak Lawn Police Department, district leadership made the immediate decision to close all district schools to ensure the continued safety of all students and staff. Due to the timing and nature of the situation, School District 123 used an emergency closing day, and no eLearning is slated to take place.

The Oak Lawn Police Department continues to actively investigate the threat, and School District 123 is fully cooperating and in close contact with law enforcement. For safety reasons, families and students have been asked not to come to any school buildings today unless specifically directed by the district or law enforcement authorities.

“We recognize that situations like this are extremely unsettling for the entirety of the community,” said Superintendent Paul J. Enderle, Ed.D. “The safety of our students, families, and staff is, and always will be, our highest priority, and we will continue to communicate clearly and promptly as more information becomes available.”

The district will provide an additional update later today, even if the investigation is still ongoing. Anyone with information related to this incident is encouraged to immediately contact the Oak Lawn Police Department at 708-422-8292. In the event of an immediate emergency, individuals should always call 911.

District 123 thanks families and the community for their continued partnership, patience and cooperation as this matter is addressed.

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