



OAK LAWN-HOMETOWN

School District 123

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 30, 2026

School District 123 Provides School Safety Update Following Emergency Closure

Oak Lawn, IL - At approximately 7:16 AM, the district issued a School Safety Message and closed all District 123 schools for the day out of an abundance of caution and concern for students, families, and staff. The decision reflects the district's preparedness and the immediate activation of its emergency response plan.

District leadership and staff continue to coordinate next steps in close partnership with the Oak Lawn Police Department and the Hometown Police Department. Investigators have advised the district that the threat received this morning has been deemed an unsubstantiated online swatting incident. Swatting is a malicious, false report intended to generate a large law enforcement response and create fear or disruption in a community.

As a reminder, all District 123 schools remain closed today, Friday, January 30, 2026. In addition, all weekend activities and events at district schools are canceled and will be rescheduled at a later date.

The district will provide another update later today regarding plans for next week. District 123 appreciates the community's continued partnership, patience, and cooperation.

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