



McKenzie County Public School District No. 1

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12/12/25: Update on Today's Evacuation at Watford City Middle School

Dear Watford City Middle School Parents and Guardians,

This afternoon at approximately 3:27 PM, a smoke detector was unintentionally activated at Watford City Middle School. In accordance with our Standard Response Protocol, students and staff were promptly evacuated from the building.

Due to the cold weather, students were moved to buses to remain warm while the Watford City Police Department and Fire Department quickly responded. After a thorough check, it was confirmed that the building was safe, and students were allowed back inside at 3:45 PM.

Please note that this incident did cause a slight delay in dismissal.

We sincerely thank our police and fire departments for their swift response and want to reassure you that this was an accidental activation. There was no danger to students or staff at any time.

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