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**ACTION** 

REQUIRED

May 10, 2024

TO: All Principals

FROM: Jaime Alberti

Chief Safety & Security Officer

VIA: Dr. Angela R. Fulton

Task Assigned Deputy Superintendent, Teaching & Learning

SUBJECT: IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF REVISED BOMB THREAT RESPONSE

PROTOCOL

Due to the recent increase in bomb threats across the District, we are implementing an immediate change in our bomb threat response protocol to enhance the safety and security of our schools.

Effective immediately, we <u>will not</u> automatically evacuate in response to a bomb threat when the threat has come in via telephone, email, or text. Instead, the following procedure will be adopted:

- Initial Assessment: Upon receiving any bomb threat, the designated school decision-maker (usually the principal or a designated campus administrator) will first assess the credibility of the threat in coordination with the Broward County Public Schools Police Chief or designee and local law enforcement.
- Credibility Analysis: Evacuation decisions will be based on a thorough credibility
  analysis. Immediate evacuation will be considered only if the threat is deemed highly
  credible after a preliminary assessment or if a suspicious device has been identified.
- Safety Measures: If the threat is not considered immediately credible, appropriate safety
  measures, such as conducting a temporary "Hold" posture and a cursory sweep by
  security personnel, may be initiated based on specific circumstances.

## Communication:

If a directive from law enforcement comes to evacuate, then you are to evacuate. We will be distributing this updated Bomb Threat response protocol to ensure our local partners understand that our intentions moving forward are to not immediately evacuate unless the threat has been deemed credible by local law enforcement and our Broward County Public Schools Police.





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Please communicate this change promptly to your staff and ensure they are aware that evacuations will only be initiated under guidance from the Broward County Public Schools Police and local law enforcement.

If you have any questions, please contact Broward County Public Schools Police at 754-321-0725.

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c: Executive Cabinet Teaching & Learning Directors