

March 10, 2014

Granite Falls School District Families,

This communication is to inform you of the district-wide emergency modified lockdown issued this morning. Due to police activity in the area, unrelated to our schools or students, we ordered a modified lockdown for all schools at the recommendation of the police department. During a modified lockdown, all school building doors and windows are closed, locked, and covered. No one is allowed to enter or exit buildings during a modified or full lockdown.

The police notified our district office that there was an abandoned stolen car near Heming Way in Granite Falls. They recommended the modified lockdown order because the suspected car thief was still on the loose. We issued a modified lockdown for all schools and notified parents of the procedures being taken. When police confirmed the suspect was in custody, we notified all schools and parents that the modified lockdown was lifted.

We practice lockdown drills and our schools conduct emergency drills each month in the event of a real occurrence. Our system is district-wide and encompasses all schools and the district as a whole. Our staff and students followed procedures very proficiently today, and we will continue to administer safety measures in our district.

Student safety is my first priority as Superintendent. I can assure you that we have strict procedures to keep kids safe in our schools and we are committed to taking all necessary measures in doing so.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 360.691.7717.

Thank you very much!

Respectfully,



Linda Hall
Superintendent