

GROTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Dear Groton Central School District Community,

This morning at 10:17am the Groton Jr-Sr High School received what appeared to be an automated message threatening in nature. Specifically, the call reported there were bombs placed in every locker of the building. The building immediately went into lockdown and law enforcement was contacted. Law enforcement quickly determined that the call came from a texting app and appeared to be a hoax. Video in the school did not show any unauthorized individuals entering the building over the weekend or early this morning. Out of an abundance of caution, Groton PD called in dogs trained to identify explosives to scan and clear the building. Further, law enforcement is working with our IT department to attempt to track down the originating source of the call. As the district receives updates on this investigation, I will be sure to share them with the community as a whole.

Although this caused disruption to the normal course of the school day, I would like to commend our faculty, staff and students on following lockdowns procedures. We take threats very seriously and it was reassuring to know our community understood what was expected in these drills and worked together to follow all processes so that law enforcement could do their job of clearing the building.

Please know that the safety of our students, faculty and staff is our top priority. Although threats like this are never what any school wants to experience, the fact our community responded with the maturity and cooperation that they did is admirable.

Moving forward we will continue to use proactive safety measures and procedures to keep our school community safe. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact your building principal or myself.

Sincerely,

Margo Martin
Superintendent