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## **POLICE RESPOND TO FAKE THREAT AT HIGH SCHOOL**

*High School, Mulberry Elementary locked down during investigation*

**MUSCATINE, Iowa** – The following is a statement from Muscatine Community School District Superintendent Clint Christopher and Muscatine Police Chief Tony Kies regarding the response to a threat called into Muscatine Police just after the start of the school day.

***Muscatine High School students, families, and staff members,***

*Our high school was ‘swatted’ this morning. That means that a fake threat was called into the Muscatine Police Department from outside of the state of Iowa. The threat also referenced a staff member’s name that does not exist within our high school or district.*

*Muscatine Police responded accordingly, swept the entire building, and once they informed us that there was no credible threat, we could resume the school day.*

*While this is certainly a disruption to the day, we will do our best to resume school as normal at Muscatine High School. Should any students or staff need to speak with a counselor, please know it is okay.*



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*Similar 'swatting' calls are happening to other school districts across the state of Iowa. Mulberry Elementary School was also temporarily locked down due to its proximity to Muscatine High School.*

*Please know that we take the safety of all students and staff very seriously and work very closely with the Muscatine Police Department. We appreciate their efforts and timely response.*

*Thank you,*

*Clint Christopher  
Superintendent*

*Tony Kies  
Chief, Muscatine Police Department*

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