



September 9, 2021

Good morning,

Shortly before 1:00 pm yesterday (9/8/21), the Pasco Police Department contacted our front office to let us know we needed to immediately move into a “lockdown” procedure. The only details shared were that it was due to a “situation” at nearby Ray Reynolds Middle School. At that time, we made an announcement over the intercom informing students and staff of the need for a lockdown. We ensured over the next few minutes that the building was completely locked down. In a lockdown, the expectation is that all classroom blinds are closed, doors are locked, lights are off, and students are moved into a corner of their classroom away from view of anyone on the outside. Students and staff are also asked to keep silent.

At 1:10 pm, as I was constructing my first community message via our messaging app, Remind, we were contacted again letting us know we could move to a “lockout.” In a lockout, blinds remain down and doors remain locked, but we are able to resume normal instruction in our classrooms. Information about the move to a lockout was added to the message sent at 1:12 pm.

After a couple of questions from parents about afternoon pickup, a second message was sent to our community asking parents to wait for further information regarding picking up students in the afternoon.

At approximately 1:35 pm we received another call letting us know that the lockout could be lifted and we could resume normal operations. Our final message to parents went out at 1:38 pm. At this time, we still did not have details of what had occurred.

We were later informed that there was a prank threat called into the police regarding an active shooter at the middle school. The police have identified a suspect in the incident. We appreciate the support of our staff, students, Pasco Police Department, Pasco School District Office, and community during yesterday’s events.

This type of event highlights the importance of all members of our community being reachable quickly through our main school communication system, Remind. While most of our parents are on Remind, many are not and did not receive this critical information. If you are not signed up please go to our website at <https://www.thedeltahighschool.com/class-of>. Click on your child’s Class and follow the instructions shown in the diagram to join. Thank you!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael R. Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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