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Maria Rodriguez Casas, Ph.D. - Superintendent of Schools

PRESS RELEASE

RE: Superintendent's Column December 6, 2022

Dear Brooks County ISD Parents, Students, Stakeholders, and Community:

The safety of all students and staff continues to be our top priority. Our district is working with law enforcement and Brooks County Emergency Management in taking all precautionary measures for potential threats.

Falfurrias High School students and staff were evacuated to an off-site location due to bomb threats. Texas DPS escorted and provided additional security measures during the evacuations. Law authorities thoroughly searched the high school campus with the assistance of an explosive-detection K9 and, each time, no explosive devices were found.

Please be advised that an arrest was made for a Terroristic Threat. Investigators from Falfurrias Police, Brooks County Sheriff's Office, Texas Department of Public Safety, Brooks County Constable Beto Gonzalez, and FBI have been working collaboratively to investigate the individual(s) responsible. On December 5th, 2022, we had bomb threats at Falfurrias High School and Falfurrias Elementary. Both incidents were assessed by the Brooks County Emergency Management and law enforcement.

At this time, out of an abundance of caution, Falfurrias High School extra-curricular activities have been canceled until further notice as recommended by law enforcement and fully supported by our administration. As of now, all bomb threats have been determined hoaxes. Furthermore, extensive investigations continue in an effort to identify the individual(s) responsible for the bomb threats. Parents and guardians, please take the time to talk to your children about the legal and criminal implications when choosing to be involved directly or indirectly in these criminal acts. As Superintendent of Schools, I am tremendously grateful to all referenced law enforcement entities at the local, state, and federal level, including our Brooks County Judge Eric Ramos, Brooks County Attorney David T. Garcia, and 79th Judicial District Attorney Carlos Omar Garcia, for their support and partnership in helping to keep our students and staff safe. Working together, we can continue to provide a safe environment for our children.

Anyone with additional information regarding these incidents that could help identify the individual(s) committing these acts to please call the City of Falfurrias Police Department or contact Mr. Adrian Reyes, Safety & Security Coordinator, at (361) 474-1575. Those who wish to remain anonymous may submit a confidential report online at www.iWatchTexas.org, or via phone at (844) 642-2251.

With Jersey Pride,

Dr. Maria Rodriguez Casas Superintendent of Schools Brooks County ISD