

Ellensburg School District,

This afternoon at 12:28 Ellensburg High School received a report from Kittcom of an imminent threat to Ellensburg High School. The high school immediately entered a lockdown and asked all other schools in the district to do the same out of precaution. Law enforcement arrived within a minute of the call and began a search of the EHS building, until it was determined by law enforcement that there was no credible threat. Law enforcement patrols were also present at all schools at the end of the school day as students were released.

Multiple schools across Washington have reported swatting incidents today, including some in our region. Swatting is defined as: *a false report of an ongoing emergency or threat of violence intended to prompt an immediate tactical law enforcement response.*

These reports are usually made by phone calls and may sound extremely convincing. While no credible evidence indicate that recent threats are legitimate, ESD takes all threats seriously. We act immediately to provide for the safety and security of our students and our staff.

Counselors are available for all students within the district at every school. We have also requested additional law enforcement presence in all of our schools.

Sincerely,

Neil Musser, District Safety & Security Director
Jinger Haberer, Superintendent