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Dear MARSD School Community,

Earlier today, the district was placed on lockdown while law enforcement investigated a reported threat directed at Matawan Regional High School. Due to the nature of the threat and with an abundance of caution, the Aberdeen Police Department advised the District to place all schools on lockdown. While we are in an active lockdown and focused primarily on the safety of our students, staff, and school community, we are unfortunately limited in sharing the specific details of the investigation.

Thank you for your patience as we addressed this situation. In the initial moments of the situation, we communicated quickly and with limited information so we could prioritize the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff.

Today, after a thorough investigation, law enforcement determined the threat was deemed not credible, and advised the District to lift the lockdown. The District will not provide additional information about the threat under advisement of law enforcement.

We are incredibly grateful to the Aberdeen Township Police, Matawan Boro Police Department, and the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office for their quick response and investigation. Their collaboration with our administration ensured that students were safe throughout the situation.

I also want to express my gratitude to all of our building administrators, teachers and staff at each building who followed all safety protocols during the lockdown. Additionally, our counseling staff was available to support students and staff after the lockdown and will be available at all buildings. Any students who would like additional support can follow up with their counselor or principal.

Finally, all schools will follow their schedules as planned tomorrow. Please note there will be an increased police presence around the schools tomorrow simply as a precautionary measure.

Thank you again for your cooperation and continued partnership.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nelyda Perez', is written over a horizontal line.

Mrs. Perez

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