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Press Statement – March 12, 2026 Incident at Adams City High School

Adams County School District 14 is issuing the following statement regarding the law enforcement incident at Adams City High School on the afternoon of March 12, 2026. The situation was investigated by the Commerce City Police Department (CCPD) and other supporting law enforcement agencies. No credible threat, bomb, weapon, or any injured student or staff member was found.

Law enforcement determined the report of a bomb threat and an active shooter was false. According to CCPD, two students were arrested in connection with the incident and face charges related to making false reports and interfering with the operations of an educational facility. At no time were students or staff in danger, and all school safety protocols were followed.

During the incident that lasted about 2 hours, the district provided six communication updates to families and the community as information was verified. Because the situation involved an active law enforcement investigation, information was released only after it was approved and confirmed by the CCPD.

Currently, Adams 14 does not have school resource officers (SROs) contracted with CCPD. The district maintains school safety through trained in-house security staff, who monitor school environments and support students and staff through restorative practices protocols. Safety plans had been developed for all district facilities, and were followed during the incident. The district routinely reviews and evaluates its safety plans, particularly after an emergency, as part of its ongoing commitment to continuous improvement in supporting students and families.

The district reminds families and community members to rely on official communication from Adams 14 for accurate information. Sharing unverified information during an active situation can cause unnecessary panic, divert law enforcement resources, and place an additional strain on those working to protect students. Parents and guardians are encouraged to keep their contact information updated in the district's student information system, ALMA, to ensure they receive official updates. The district also shares information on its website and through its official social media accounts.

Adams 14 thanks the Commerce City Police Department and supporting law enforcement agencies for their response and continued partnership in ensuring the safety of students and staff. Adams 14 appreciates the patience and cooperation of families during the incident.