

BLOOM TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear BT Community,

First, I would like to thank our students, staff, and families for their patience and flexibility today. Our students displayed exemplary behavior and cooperation through this challenging day. Because of everyone's support and cooperation, everything in our building ran as smoothly as possible.

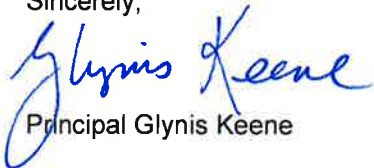
At approximately 10:30am, a student made administration aware that someone in their classroom had airdropped a message to the class threatening our school. At that time, our assistant principal, deans, and several members of our security team went to the room to search the students individually and search the room. Additionally, the lockers belonging to the students in that class were searched. No weapons were found. Local law enforcement was notified and officers from several communities, as well as Cook County and the State arrived to the school. We cooperated with them to do an additional canine search of the building and our grounds. Again, no weapon was found. Once law enforcement completed their search, we began releasing students to lunch and restrooms. Families who had come to pick up their students were able to take their students home. All student movement was supervised by staff and security.

We have a strong reason to believe that the threat was a hoax. Members of our technology team are working with our deans to investigate this matter. At the end of the day, we thanked our students for their cooperation and efforts today and spoke to them about the severity of situations such as these. Please also speak to your students about the repercussions of what they share online, through text, etc. and how it affects others.

As a reminder, we do have metal detectors at all points of student entry. Every student goes through the metal detector and has their belongings checked every day. All visitors to the building also follow this process. We will continue to follow this procedure.

I'd like to thank you again for your patience and understanding as we worked through this situation.

Sincerely,


Principal Glynis Keene