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Dear CSS Parents:

I am writing you as a follow-up to the threat and subsequent evacuation that occurred today, at the Charles Street School. Our students and staff did a fantastic job at reporting and responding to the incident! In a very short period of time we were able to safely transition the entire student body to Legion Field while the Palmyra Police Department conducted the necessary investigation.

At approximately 9:30 AM a bomb threat was discovered written on a wall in a student restroom. A student who discovered the message immediately reported the threat to the main office. Administration was notified and at that time the decision was made to evacuate the building as a necessary safety precaution. Students were escorted by staff to Legion Field, attendance was taken, and students did an amazing job with following directions.

The Palmyra Police Department, in conjunction with other agencies, conducted a thorough search of the school building and determined that the threat was a hoax. At approximately 10:50 AM the Palmyra Police Department declared the school safe for the students to return.

An investigation of the bomb threat is being conducted by district administration and the Palmyra Police Department. Appropriate disciplinary actions will occur once determination can be made as to who wrote the bomb threat. Making threats to students, staff, and/or district facilities is a serious offense and the school district will seek appropriate redress.

I would like to thank our terrific staff, the members of the Palmyra Police Department, and emergency responders for the wonderful assistance during this situation. Our students remained safe and secure during the entire ordeal. Please feel free to contact Mrs. Geiser or me with any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Brian J. McBride
Superintendent of Schools

cc: CSS Principal
BOE President