

Clear Creek School District

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Dear Clear Creek Educational Community:

It has been a long 24 hours, but as you know by now, the “credible threat” to schools in the Denver metro area is over. The FBI has confirmed that the suspect was found dead this morning in the mountains west of Denver. There is no longer a threat to the community.

The Clear Creek School District will re-open on a 2 hour delayed schedule for April 18, 2019. The 2-hour delay is only for students. Staff will need to report to their work locations at their regularly scheduled time. Our schools have a number of resources that are being put in place for tomorrow. As a result, there needs to be an opportunity for staff to meet with administrators prior to the start of the day with students.

It is anticipated that there will be increased law enforcement presence at our schools tomorrow. Additionally, all of our schools will have mental health professionals available for students to talk to. There will be heightened safety and security measures in place. We do not provide all of our security details to the public, but know that staff will be extra vigilant. Your children are well protected.

All of the decisions related to yesterday’s school operations were a direct result of having recommendations and input from law enforcement. This included the lock out / shelter in place, student dismissal procedures and athletic transportation. Based upon the information that was known at the time, students were transported to away athletic events. When additional information was determined, law enforcement recommended students return. The decision to close school today was certainly a precautionary effort given the information about search processes being conducted in County.

While many of you have questions about the investigation, the Clear Creek School District is not able to comment. However, the Clear Creek School District remains steadfast in our commitment to protecting students and staff, as well as ensuring a safe school environment. As a result, we will continue to work closely with law enforcement officials and follow any law enforcement recommendations during all incidents.

Thank you to our law enforcement community for their work and proactive steps to keep all of our children safe. Safety is always the highest priority. The efforts of Rick Albers, Sheriff; Bruce Snelling, Under-Sheriff, Beau Campbell School Resource Officer ; Chris Malanaka, Idaho Springs Chief of Police and the Georgetown Police Department , were greatly appreciated in helping provide guidance and information during this evolving situation. Furthermore, I would also like to thank all of our staff for their response in following emergency procedures. All Clear

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Creek Schools follow safety procedures as required by the National Incident Management System requirements.

We appreciate our parent community in responding quickly to yesterday's unusual circumstances and assisting with getting students home in a timely manner, as well as in understanding the need for today's school closure.

We will remain vigilant in protecting our school community. Please remind your student to share concerns with an adult, and also that Safe 2 Tell (<https://safe2tell.org/>) (1-877-542-7233) can be utilized as an anonymous way to report concerns.

These kinds of incidents are stressful for all of us, but especially for our children. You can find some useful talking points to share with students [at N A S P online. Org.](#) Some talking points you may want to discuss with your child include:

1. Reassure children that they are safe.
2. Make time to talk.
3. Keep conversations age appropriate.
4. Review safety procedures.
5. Observe children's emotional state.
6. Limit television viewing of these events.
7. Maintain a normal routine.

You will also find articles on the Clear Creek School District website at www.ccsdre1.org.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience during these trying times. Please take a moment to hold your loved ones close and on this 20th anniversary of Columbine, keep the family members of the victims in your thoughts.

Sincerely,

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