



## SCHOOL DISTRICT of BAYFIELD

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Troller Community,

Yesterday's **hoax** of a swatting incident wherein a report of an active shooter at the Ashland Middle School was made had a ripple effect on our entire region. This is the kind of news that taps into one of our worst fears as educators, as parents, as community members. The communication web with all CESA 12 school districts and law enforcement agencies began immediately and each district made determinations on how their schools reacted to this news. At Bayfield we were in contact with the Ashland School District's Superintendent, monitored all of our building entrances and were ready to move to other levels of security if needed. Fortunately, it was soon determined that the incident at the Ashland Middle School was a hoax.

Our district has a comprehensive Crisis Response Plan (available on our district website) that guides us in times of all sorts of emergencies, from tornados to lock down situations. This afternoon, our staff will work together on ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) training to ensure that we are able to respond and do all we can to keep our school community as safe as possible if an intruder ever entered our building. Throughout the year we will continue to have drills to practice crisis response with our students so that they also have familiarity with all the measures we take to practice safety and timely response.

I wish I could guarantee the safety and well being of us all. As you know life doesn't work that way, but what I can share is that the School District of Bayfield takes safety preparation and awareness very seriously. Social media has a far reaching platform of influence on the world. The hoax that occurred yesterday was the result of the power that social media can have on how we treat one another, and in this instance, in a very negative way. Let us continue to have discussions with our children and share information and strategies on how to navigate social media in a healthy way. Let us continue to work together for the learning and safety of our children.

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