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**LINDALE ISD GIVEN ‘ALL CLEAR’ AFTER CALLED-IN THREAT
CAUSES LOCKDOWN**

At approximately 8:15 a.m., a threat was called into the Lindale Police Department dispatch. By 8:17 a.m., Lindale Police and other local authorities were on scene of the LISD Administration Office and E.J. Moss West and East. Lindale ISD already has a LISD Police Officer stationed at every campus as normal procedure. After preliminary and secondary sweeps of the E.J. Moss East and West campuses, authorities gave the all clear. No weapons or suspicious packages were found.

“We received an anonymous call,” Lindale Police Chief Dan Somes said. “The caller was advising that he was armed and he had explosive devices. We had units very close, so the response was quick.”

The following agencies responded and assisted during the lockdown and investigation:

- Lindale ISD Police Department
- Lindale Police Department

- Department of Public Safety
- Texas Rangers
- Smith County Precinct 4 Constable's Office
- Smith County Precinct 5 Constable's Office
- Smith County Sheriff's Office
- Smith County Fire Marshal's Office
- Tyler Police Department
- Lindale Fire Department
- FBI

All campuses are now open and determined to be safe. There will be extra counseling and resources available to students who may need them. There will also be extra police presence on all campuses as a precaution.

"We appreciate all of our parents, our staff," said Lindale ISD Police Chief, Joey King. "We've had a big response, we appreciate all of them. We just ask you to be patient. We just ask, mainly, that parents be patient just for today and tomorrow as we get through this, but again we appreciate all of their support."

The investigation is still ongoing. We will release more information as it becomes available from our law enforcement partners. All threats to our district are taken seriously and investigated thoroughly. We are working with officials to conduct a full investigation.

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