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### *Junior High Receives Threats*

Silverdale, WA – Students and staff at Central Kitsap Junior High School evacuated the school building today because of a bomb threat found in the school. This was not the first threat this week; the first, threatening a bomb the next day, was found on Wednesday, Feb. 16. On Wednesday, school authorities notified the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office, and the building was searched several times. The school was determined to be safe with students in no danger, and classes continued as usual.

In keeping with The Central Kitsap School District's practice of open communication, the school sent a letter home with students on Wednesday explaining the difficulty and the actions that authorities had taken. The letter sent to parents stated that the school would again be deemed safe prior to any student's entering the building on Thursday, and it encouraged those who might have information pertaining to the event to call the school. Again on Thursday, before school began, the building was searched, and classes took place as scheduled. A higher-than-usual number of absences could have been related to the threat, or to a high incidence of influenza among students. The widespread flu had already been identified earlier in the week.

When today's notice was discovered, school authorities again contacted law enforcement, and the students and staff evacuated to the athletic field at 1:30. Students remained quietly on the field until 2:05, the standard dismissal time. At the time of this release, law enforcement has secured the building pending completion of their investigation at the site.

According to District authorities and law enforcement officers, threats of this nature are taken very seriously. They constitute felony offenses and will be dealt with as such when the perpetrator or perpetrators are identified.

According to school principal Barb Gilchrist, the school will work closely with the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office and the Washington State Patrol to ensure the safety of students when they return to school on Tuesday after the Monday holiday. "The safety and well being of our students is of utmost importance to us, and we will work relentlessly to ensure our school as a safe haven for children," she said.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to call Laurie Cizon, CKSD public information officer, at 360/662-1620 or Sheriff's Detective Chad Birkenfeld at 360/ 337-5619.

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