

Friday Lock-down at Atchison Co Schools causes concern

(KAIR)--Details regarding the reason for a late Friday morning lock-down at the Atchison County Community Schools remain unspecified, but authorities say there was never an imminent threat of danger.

The lock-down was implemented around 11:30, with patrons alerted by USD 377 through a text message and a social media post.

The message confirmed that all buildings had been placed under lock-down status for precautionary measures the district felt necessary “to ensure the safety of all our students and staff to investigate a report” received by the district, which is based in Effingham.

About 90-minutes after the message was released, the lock-down was lifted.

Atchison County Sheriff Jack Laurie, in a message posted to his office's Facebook page, stated there was no imminent danger, but implementation of the lock-down was viewed by his office, and the school district, to be “in the best interest of everyone, to complete the investigation thoroughly and as quickly as possible.”

Laurie has not yet released the reason for the investigation.

District Superintendent Andrew Gaddis, according to an automated email response received by MSC News, is out of the office Friday and unavailable for comment.

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