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Dear West Orange Public School Community,

This morning we became aware of a generic bomb threat. This threat was shared through a student's social media group chat and we immediately contacted the West Orange Police Department.

While the high school was not mentioned specifically, the threat alluded to an athletic event taking place at West Orange High School later this afternoon.

The threat was quickly assessed by the West Orange Police Department along with Essex County Sheriff's Department who advised us to close off the high school's Tarnoff Gymnasium to permit the Essex County Canine Unit to investigate.

Following the investigation, the West Orange Police Department and the Essex County Sheriff's Department notified us that there was no evidence of a bomb or other threat inside the high school Tarnoff Gymnasium.

We are sincerely appreciative of the West Orange Police Department's prompt response and the diligence of the Essex County Sheriff's Department for ensuring the safety of our staff and students.

Out of the abundance of caution, we are grateful to the West Orange Police Department for providing police officers to support our security personnel at the activities scheduled for the Tarnoff Gymnasium. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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