

## **BOMB NOTE ON BUS**

(Date)

Yesterday afternoon an anonymous note was found on one of our school busses. The note said there was a rumor that (grade level) graders brought a bomb. There were no specifics about the bomb being brought to (school name) or that the (grade level) graders were students from (school name).

However, with safety being our prime consideration at school, we instituted our normal protocol. The bus was immediately searched to ensure its safety. County and city law enforcement were notified. The entire school was searched for potential weapons. After a thorough search of the school by administrators, custodians, teachers, and police officers, no weapons or bomb making materials were found. Very early this morning before any students arrived, a second search of the entire school (including every student locker) was conducted. Again, no bombs, weapons, or bomb-making materials were found.

When students arrived, any potential riders from the afternoon bus where the note was found were escorted to the gymnasium. Each of those students had their backpacks checked. Our school resource officer from the (name of city) Police Department and our administrators addressed the assembled group of students. Additionally, students in every one of our first-period classes were engaged in a discussion of the incident with their teachers. Our message was one of school safety and of the importance of sharing rumors and information in an appropriate manner.

The student who wrote the note has been identified and dealt with. This individual overheard a small segment of a conversation between two students. The student's interpretation of that conversation, after further investigation, was proven not to be completely accurate. Often this is the case with rumors. The note writer understands the importance of talking with an adult when issues like these arise, rather than writing an anonymous note.

The (number) students who were overheard in conversation have also been identified and dealt with. These individuals now understand the importance of time and place appropriate conversations. What may be okay when talking with a friend at home is often not appropriate in the school setting.

Today's investigation has led us to other inappropriate conversations that occurred between students yesterday both at school and on the school bus. Each of those students has been talked with. They too understand the importance of time and place appropriate conversation and the need to check their comments when they are "just goofing around."

We apologize for any inconvenience this event may have caused your child. School safety, however, is of the utmost importance to us. Please continue to talk with your child(ren) about the importance of holding appropriate conversations in school and sharing information with adults regarding potentially dangerous situations.

Sincerely,

(Principal name)  
Principal