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*** Update Concerning False Allegations at Area Schools ***

(Douglas County, Ore.) The Douglas County Commissioners would like to share the following message from our joint information team regarding the incident from earlier today. This morning, Tuesday, February 21, 2023, Douglas County law enforcement officials received calls concerning allegations of an active shooter at various schools in Douglas County. Local and state law enforcement officials have confirmed that these reports are false. Rest assured that law enforcement officials take any and all reports seriously.

Out of an abundance of caution, because of the allegations, schools in Douglas County were put in immediate lockdown this morning. After a thorough investigation, the lockdowns have been lifted and classes have resumed. If you have additional questions, please contact your local school office directly.

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office asks that the public not call 911 for updates on students or schools. They need to keep those phone lines open for emergencies. For the most updated information on the status of the situation, please look for information from your schools via their standard communication protocols.

If needed, mental health and crisis assistance is available through <u>Adapt Integrated Health Care</u> or by calling 541-440-3532. Crisis counselors are also available 24/7 by calling the 988 National Crisis Lifeline.

Local schools work in partnership with law enforcement agencies and government officials to ensure the safety of students, staff and our community. We would like to extend our sincere gratitude for the prompt and comprehensive response from our local law enforcement agencies during this event.

For more information about active shooter preparedness contact the Douglas County Sheriff's Office at (541) 440-4463.

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