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Dear Walton-Verona Stakeholders,

As I am sure you are aware, several Northern Kentucky High Schools have received bomb threats this week that all turned out to be hoaxes. Detectives within the Boone County Sheriff's Department indicate that this is a multi-state operation designed to scare and disrupt school systems. The purpose of this letter is to remind all stakeholders of some procedures we have developed for similar incidents in collaboration with the Kentucky Center for School Safety and the Boone County Sheriff's Department.

The following information is included in your student Code of Conduct; however, we at Walton-Verona Schools felt these items needed their spotlight as a safety precaution. This message is **NOT** intended to alert you to an actual emergency going on at this time.

In the event of a large-scale safety emergency such as a weather-related, bomb threat, or active shooter situation at Walton-Verona Schools, parents and students should be aware of the following:

- DO NOT come to school to pick up your child. This can inhibit emergency responders and their vehicles from accessing the scene safely. Children will most likely be evacuated to an off-site reunification area. You will be notified where to go for reunification via our various methods (mass messaging system, all-calls, WV website, etc.).
- DO NOT call the school. Phone lines are limited and will be necessary for handling incoming and outgoing emergency calls with local responders.
- DO arrive at the designated reunification location with your photo ID to pick up your child. Children will only be released to their parents or guardians.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and again, **there is no emergency at this time.**

Sincerely,

Dr. Matt Baker
Superintendent