

NORTH EAST (WEBUTUCK) CENTRAL SCHOOLS

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Good Morning Webutuck Central School District Community,

This morning the Webutuck Central School District performed a mandatory scheduled lockdown drill. Students and staff performed wonderfully and appropriately.

Also, this morning the District was notified by our law enforcement partners about an ongoing form of phone-based harassment against various school districts known as “swatting”. It has been reported that schools and districts from across the State of New York as well as around the country have been receiving phone calls indicating that an active threat is happening in one of their schools.

An example may be: A phone call is received by a school or a district and the caller reports that “there is gun fire in the bathroom.” This most recent case of swatting has been reported today in a school in Putnam County.

Please know that all of our law enforcement partners are well aware of what is happening and are actively advising us on what to do in the event we too receive such notifications. In addition, they are working with state and federal agencies in the investigation of these incidences.

We find these sorts of actions to be deplorable and we are hopeful that those who are responsible are brought to justice. We would like to thank the New York State Troopers and the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Department, that serve our District for their concerted efforts in assisting us with keeping our schools safe for teaching and learning.

Thank you for your understanding, as the safety and security of our students and staff remains our top priority!

Sincerely,

Raymond Castellani
Superintendent of Schools

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