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To: Milton Public Schools Parents, Guardians and Staff
From: Mary C. Gormley, Superintendent
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Topic: Pierce Middle School Bomb Threat

This afternoon at the close of the school day a student reported to Principal James Jette that there was a bomb threat written on an inside wall of the Pierce Middle School. Mr. Jette contacted the Milton Police who responded immediately. The Milton Police quickly began an investigation. Simultaneously, the building was evacuated and the decision was made by the Milton Police to use the Boston and Quincy Dog Bomb Search Teams and perform a "preventive sweep" of the Pierce Middle School.

The result of the Milton Police Department's investigation was that the incident was a hoax and a 13 year old male Pierce Middle School student was identified as the responsible party. It should be noted that at no time was any student or staff member in danger.

Mr. Jette has twice communicated updates via e-mail and phone to all Pierce Middle School families and staff. He has scheduled an All Faculty Meeting before school tomorrow to review the incident with his staff so that all teachers will be prepared to communicate the facts of this incident to their students during an extended homeroom period.

Assistant Superintendent John Phelan and I have been with Mr. Jette since the initial report. We want to thank Milton Police Chief Richard Wells and his department for their prompt and professional response and attention to this incident. We would also like to thank the Milton DPW and Fire Department who made themselves available to support the schools.

This is unacceptable behavior and a crime and will be dealt with accordingly.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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