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Madison, IN: Madison Consolidated Schools provides details on December 3, 2018 lockout.

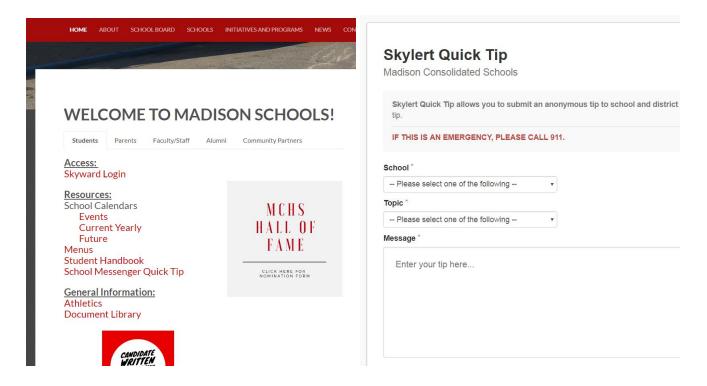
On Monday, December 3, 2018 at approximately 10:50 a.m. MCHS received an email communicating a potential external threat to administrators at MCHS. School officials immediately initiated a lockout protocol at both MCHS and MJHS facilities and with the help of local and state law enforcement agencies conducted a campus security sweep. Once law enforcement determined a safe exterior perimeter, MCHS students coming from and going to off-campus classes or work-related responsibilities were permitted to come and go as they were identified by school personnel and law enforcement. Students entering the building were taken to a secure location where their belongings were searched before they were granted access to the remainder of the building.

School Resources Officers have been working closely with local and state law enforcement agencies on an active investigation since the incident was reported on Monday. At the time of dismissal on Monday afternoon authorities were confident the immediate threat was not credible and normal afternoon dismissal and extracurricular activities went on a scheduled. Monday evening families at both MCHS and MJHS were notified that both campuses would follow a normal schedule on Tuesday with increased security on both campuses as a precaution.

Law enforcement released the following details on the initial threat and subsequent investigation:

- 1. The email threat directed at MCHS administrators is an ongoing investigation.
- 2. School resource officers received information which led to an additional, unrelated investigation which resulted in the detainment and arrest of an MJHS student on Tuesday, December 4, 2018.

We want to remind everyone about our <u>Anonymous Tip Line</u>. This quick link is available from any of our website home pages. It is located under Resources on the landing page of each site. The link takes you to a form completed online and once submitted goes directly to our School Resource Officers for follow up. (Screenshots included for reference.)



We have a great team working together to thoroughly investigate things like this internally and externally. As with each new situation, our team comes together to discuss what went well and where we can improve within our processes and communication. We continue to urge parents to be engaged in the use of technology and their students. Please talk with your family about digital safety - IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!

We appreciate your patience and support as our teams worked through an evolving situation over the course of the past few days. Campus safety is something we take very seriously. It takes all of us working together to be vigilant and aware of our surroundings and report any suspicious activity.