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Arlington Police Department and Arlington Public Schools Update on Modified Lockdown at Presidents Elementary School

(Arlington, WA) – On Monday, January 22, 2018, Presidents Elementary and the Arlington Public School District Office were placed on modified lockdown in response to threats made by an employee of the district. Arlington Police Department and Arlington Public Schools staff had an increased presence at the school throughout the day while the Arlington Police Department investigated.

Arlington Police have the suspect in custody in this incident.

"The Arlington Police Department trains with Arlington schools on emergency events frequently. This training allowed the Arlington Police Department to ensure the safety of all students and staff at the school and district office while continuing their investigation into the threats," stated Police Chief Jonathan Ventura.

"I would like to commend our staff and students for their incredible response to the incident," remarked Arlington Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Chrys Sweeting. "Thanks to the Arlington Police Department for their swift action and for their ongoing support to ensure our schools are safe," she concluded.

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