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### **Safety Update Regarding Non-Credible Threat at Decherd Elementary School**

DECHERD, TN - May 7, 2026 – Earlier today, a bomb threat was reported to the School Resource Officer at Decherd Elementary School. The incident was immediately investigated and handled by the SRO and school administration. Following a comprehensive investigation, the threat has been determined to be non-credible.

Upon receiving the report, school administration and the SRO acted immediately to follow established safety protocols. At no time were students, faculty, or staff in any physical danger. The investigation concluded that the school environment was and remains safe for continued operations.

"The safety and well-being of our students and staff is our absolute highest priority," said Rachel Shields, District Public Relations. "We are grateful for the swift, professional response of the School Resource Officer and the seamless cooperation of the school's administration team. Their vigilance ensures that our classrooms remain a secure place for learning."

The district understands that incidents of this nature can cause significant concern within the community. We want to reassure parents and guardians that we take every threat seriously and will always act with an abundance of caution to protect our school family.

We also ask families to speak with their children about the importance of using safe and appropriate language at school. Statements or threats involving school safety are taken extremely seriously and can lead to significant school and legal consequences. Working together, we can ensure our schools remain a safe and supportive place for all students.

We would like to thank the Sheriff's Department and SRO Isbell for their partnership and our parents for their continued support as we maintain a safe environment for all students.