

## Press Release

A little after 10:00 p.m. last night, the Emeryville School District received a threat of violence against the safety of students and staff. The Emeryville Police Department was contacted and an investigation into the source of the threat was initiated. Based on the nature of the threat, the School District decided to close schools until the credibility of the threat could be determined.

The initial investigation of this threat indicates this threat does not have any merit and is a hoax generated out of a dare within an overseas on-line gaming community to see who could generate the most school evacuations in the UK and the USA.

We are monitoring social media and are seeing schools in Alameda County and others around the country reporting similar threats. We have had officers posted at the school since 7:30am. At this time, we believe the threat is not credible, but as an additional resource for the school, the Emeryville Police Department will leave officers in place for the remainder of the day and to assist with the re-opening of schools in the morning. Schools will reopen tomorrow on Tuesday morning.

Follow up question can be directed to either Superintendent Rubio at [John.Rubio@emeryusd.org](mailto:John.Rubio@emeryusd.org) or Captain Collins at [ccollins@emeryville.org](mailto:ccollins@emeryville.org).

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