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Good morning,

My apologies for the delay in getting information out about an incident that took place Saturday night at PCHS.

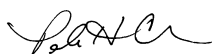
Sometime around 10:20pm, during our high school homecoming dance, an unidentified caller made a prank call to 911, falsely reporting an active shooter situation at the event. Police were dispatched, arriving very quickly. Along with administration, the officers searched the building to verify that everyone was safe. The investigation is ongoing. Once found, the individual making the call will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

In response to this event, a Prairie Central student made inappropriate comments to friends. Among these comments, the student claimed he was responsible in a seemingly threatening manner. Upon investigation, the student was "joking". We do not believe this to be a joking matter, and the student was given harsh consequences for these comments.

We continue to work with authorities to investigate this matter. If you or your children have any information about this incident, please call the Fairbury Police Department. Though no one was in danger during this "prank", we continue to emphasize that when students know something, they should say something. It is one of the best defenses against planned violence.

Although the circumstances were disheartening, we are thankful to know that our area police departments were able to arrive so quickly and take control of the situation with extreme professionalism and care. We are fortunate to have these officers in our communities.

Sincerely,



Paula Crane
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