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## NEWS RELEASE

### NH DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY ASSISTS WITH SCHOOL THREAT IN ROCHESTER

*Local, State and Federal Partners Continue to Work Together to Ensure Schools Remain Safe*

CONCORD, N.H. – The New Hampshire Department of Safety assisted with a threat made to Rochester Middle School. State Police responded to the school while the New Hampshire Information and Analysis Center is sharing information among local, state and federal partners.

Local law enforcement agencies are keenly aware of the threats being made toward schools throughout the country as authorities here in the Granite State investigate incidences that occurred this week in Portsmouth and Rochester. Similarly, multiple calls reporting active threats were made last month and in December at several schools statewide. Those threats were determined to be non-credible, false reports.

“I appreciate the preparedness and coordination of state and local agencies in monitoring and responding to these incidents,” said Governor Chris Sununu. “Our teams will continue to keep the safety of our students and communities as the number one priority.”

“Safety is always the top priority at all New Hampshire schools, and the New Hampshire Department of Safety has remained vigilant in taking every school threat seriously,” said Robert Buxton, Director of the Department of Safety’s Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM). “These incidents continue to show us why it is important for schools to conduct trainings and exercises throughout the school year, in partnership with their local first responders.”

Claims of school violence can be considerably disruptive, even when they are deemed to be callous hoaxes.

“We understand that these unpredictable school threats, including those that are not valid, can be unsettling,” said Frank Edelblut, Education Commissioner. “Please know that officials here in New Hampshire are highly alert and cognizant, and that local, federal and state partners are working together to ensure that schools remain safe.”

All threats are taken seriously until such time as their validity is determined. Everyone is encouraged to report any suspicious activity to their local law enforcement agency.

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