## **Tomah Area School District**

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\_\_\_ March 14, 2025

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**Activities Director** Brad Plueger Tomah Area School District Release: Tomah Middle School Incident March 14, 2025

On Friday, March 14, 2025, Tomah Middle School administration was made aware that one (1) rifle bullet was found in a boy's restroom. Tomah Middle School administration immediately contacted law enforcement. The Tomah Police Department promptly responded and assisted school administration and staff conducting interviews and searches of all people who entered the restroom prior to the bullet being found. The investigation resulted in no firearm being discovered on campus. There was no known threat to any students or faculty. Students returned to their classrooms and building activities in their normal schedule.

Tomah Middle School students were placed on a HOLD. A HOLD is when administrators clear hallways and students remain in classrooms until directed differently. During a HOLD students and staff conduct business as usual inside the classroom. Classroom doors are locked and closed. All students and adults are accounted for.

Tomah Area School District is grateful for the quick response and instructions provided by Tomah Area Police department officers during this investigation. We want to thank our families and community for their response to this situation.

Tomah Area School District administration takes every report of threats seriously. Thorough investigation of incidents are promptly conducted with the Tomah Police Department and other agencies. The safety and security of our students and faculty is a top priority. The district utilizes the Speak Up Speak Out Wisconsin program which is an anonymous reporting program. (800) 697-8776 speakup.widoj.gov.

If you see something, please say something and administration will follow up. Tomah Area School District has threat assessment and response protocols in place to address incidents in cooperation with local law enforcement and emergency responders.

Sincerely,

Mike Hanson

District Administrator

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