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Selah Police Department Investigation into School Threat; No Credible Threat Found

SELAH, WA – [4/29/2026] – The Selah Police Department, in coordination with multiple local and state law enforcement agencies, investigated a reported threat at John Campbell Primary School. Following a thorough assessment, authorities have determined there is **no evidence of a valid or credible threat** to students, staff, or school facilities.

Earlier today, the Selah Police Department received a report of a potential safety concern involving John Campbell Primary School. Out of an abundance of caution and in line with established safety protocols, a significant multi-agency law enforcement response was initiated. Officers and deputies immediately secured the campus and conducted walk-throughs.

Due to the nature of the initial report, the response also included precautionary checks at other schools within the Selah School District to ensure the safety of all students and staff. No suspicious activity or additional threats were identified at any of those locations.

The following agencies responded to the incident: Selah Police Department, Moxee Police Department, Yakima County Sheriff's Office, Washington State Patrol, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Police.

We understand that a large law enforcement presence at a school can be alarming to parents, students, and the community. Our priority is always the safety of our children and school staff. While we are relieved to conclude that no credible threat exists, we are grateful for the swift collaboration of our partner agencies and the response of the Selah School District. We took this report seriously and responded accordingly.

The investigation remains open to determine the source of the initial threat report. Anyone with information related to this incident is asked to contact the Selah Police Department at 509-698-7347.

School operations at John Campbell Primary and all other district schools have returned to normal. Counselors and support staff remain available for any students or staff who may need assistance.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Gause".

Michael Gause, Chief of Police