



December 1, 2021

Dear Caledonia Community Schools Community,

Today at approximately 9:45 am, a fire alarm went off in response to a faulty sensor in the duct work at the Caledonia High School North Campus. Staff and students followed emergency protocols and were quickly and safely evacuated from the North Campus. Out of an abundance of caution, our School Resource Officer contacted Kent County Dispatch, which dispatched patrol cars. The Caledonia Fire Department also reported to the High School, cleared the building and verified the faulty sensor.

Students were then returned to class and notified the alarm was caused by a faulty sensor. We are thankful that our systems are in place and working to ensure the safety of staff and students at CHS and those students visiting today from Paris Ridge.

During today's fire alarm there was a lot of speculation and false rumors being spread about the cause of the evacuation. In cases of a real emergency this can cause confusion, frustration and reduce the effectiveness of implementing safety plans.

In light of the tragic events that transpired in Oxford yesterday, we understand fears and emotions are heightened so we want to take this opportunity to remind and educate our community on our priorities during these times. First and foremost, the top priority of our staff is to assess the situation and follow the approved emergency procedures within their respective building so that our students and staff are safe. Second, our staff will work with and in consultation with emergency responders on site to resolve or address any immediate concerns for safety at the time. Finally, our administrative team will gather the accurate information once the situation is under control so that communications can be shared whenever needed and appropriate.

While each emergency situation poses its own unique set of challenges, please know that the safety of our students and staff will always be our first priority. Thank you for your continued support and trust in Caledonia Community Schools.

Sincerely,

CCS Administration