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To: Local Media
From: Kevin Richard, Superintendent of Schools SAU 9
Date: December 5, 2018
Re: Press Release -Lockdown at KHS and KMS

At approximately 10:20 am the lockdown tone at Kennett High School was activated. All students and staff began following the protocols associated with the tone. The Conway Police, Carroll County Sheriff's Department, and the Conway Fire Department were on site within minutes. The police department went through their procedures and cleared classrooms one by one. There were no identified threats to the students, staff, and/or the facility.

The location where the alert originated has been identified. At this time the alert has been determined to be activated inadvertently. All alerts are taken seriously, and there will be a thorough review of lockdown procedures by all parties to learn from the experience and improve practice.

At approximately 12:15pm all high school students returned to their classrooms.

At approximately 12:30 pm Kennett Middle School went into lockdown due to an inadvertent error. All other schools within SAU 9 were put into Shelter in Place as a precaution while determining the reason for the alarm. No identified threats to the students, staff, and/or facility were identified. Again, all students and staff followed the protocols associated with the lockdown tone in cooperation with the Conway Police, Carroll County Sheriff's office, Conway Fire Department and NH State Troopers. All KMS classrooms were cleared and the students were addressed by administration. Students were released back to their classrooms at approximately 1:30 pm.

The school district practices emergency procedures on both scheduled and unscheduled bases. Emergency plans are reviewed and the school district works with police, fire and emergency services to improve practice related to safety and security.

I would like to commend the students, staff and parents/guardians for their cooperation during the lockdown operations. The school district would like to offer their appreciation for the work by the Conway Police Department, Conway Fire Department, Carroll County Sheriff's Department and the New Hampshire State Troopers Association.