

August 16, 2019

Dear Washoe County School District Family,

I hope you had an excellent first week. I've had a chance to visit several schools this week to witness the amazing work being done by our staff and our students. I will share more information on the first week on Monday.

I'd like to let you know about an incident involving Galena High School today. For about an hour this morning, Galena High School was placed on a Code Red lockdown involving suspicious circumstances on a school bus. *It's important to note that there was no threat to the school and the incident was quickly resolved.* I appreciate the response of several first responder agencies to Galena High School. I'd like to thank the administration and entire staff at Galena High School and importantly our School Police Officers who followed all of our protocols to keep students safe. Everybody did what they were supposed to do in a Code Red situation, and thanks to the safety plan and drills that Galena High School performs regularly, everyone took the right actions this morning.

I want to thank our bus drivers too who took appropriate action and kept students safe off campus along with Galena HS staff. I want to reassure you that safety is a priority for our District and that we examine protocols after every incident to ensure that we are doing everything in our power to protect students and staff. I also want to thank the entire team of Area Superintendents who all responded to assist administration at Galena High School.

Our communications team also updates information regarding incidents to keep families, staff, and the public aware. If you would like to stay updated on Code Red alerts, the fastest way to stay informed is our website. Immediate emergency information is posted at the top of the home page and then you can click on the link to learn more about any incident. Incorrect and harmful rumors are often spread quickly during incidents of this nature, and I believe it's important that everyone has the correct information.

Take care and get some well-deserved rest this weekend,

Kristen

