

# MASON CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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## **RE: Mason City High School Safety Issue – Threat Managed**

On the afternoon of Friday, February 23, 2018, school officials became aware of a threat made by an individual to the safety of students and staff at the Mason City High School. High school administration contacted the Mason City Police Department via the School Resource Officer and the Mason City Police Department took over the investigation.

The safety and well-being of our students and staff are the number one priority of the Mason City Community Schools. At no time during the investigation of this incident was there a direct threat to students or staff.

The Mason City Community School District will continue to work closely with the Mason City Police Department on this investigation. Our goal is to insure a safe environment where our students may receive a quality education in a caring and responsive environment. The Mason City Police Department and Mason City High School are confident, following thoroughly all steps necessary in this investigation, classes may resume as normal on Monday, February 26, 2018.

If anyone has information about this incident, the investigation is a Mason City Police Department matter, please call the Mason City Police Department, 641-421-3636, and ask for Criminal Investigation Division Lieutenant Rich Jensen.

**For further information or questions, please contact the Office of the Superintendent, Community Relations and Communications at 641-421-4401 or email [sdeike@masoncityschools.org](mailto:sdeike@masoncityschools.org).**