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Dr. John Collins, Superintendent of the Poway Unified School District released the following statement at a press conference Sunday, February 10, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

As Superintendent of the Poway Unified School District, and on behalf of the Board of Education, I would first and foremost like to thank Captain Bill Donahue of the Poway Sheriff's Department, and Dr. Kelly Burke for their quick response. I would also like to thank the San Diego County Sheriff's Department and the Computer And Technology Crime High-Tech Response Team. Following the protocols the District has established with law enforcement each agency acted along with the District in full coordination to resolve the threat issue, quickly, efficiently and without incident. We would also like to acknowledge the parents of the child involved, thanking them for their cooperation in what must be an extremely difficult situation regarding their child.

Obviously, this situation is both saddening and disturbing; however, it is critical that all touched by this threat understand that the system worked! An anonymous threat was made, identified and with multiple agencies working together, the threat was averted. This threat was taken seriously, acted upon seriously, and the consequences for the student will be appropriate. There is no evidence to suggest anyone else was involved in making the threat. This appears to be an isolated incident.

Given the nature of the threat and developments that followed, the District will bring counselors from our Crisis Intervention Team on campus to be available to students or staff. In addition we will have extra staff on campus tomorrow to assist in keeping the day orderly.

Our District understands the importance of media coverage in such an incident. However, it is critical to keep conditions for students, staff, and their families as "normal" as possible. We ask that while the media preforms its public service, it acts to protect the rights of students and staff and respect our District's obligation to maintain a positive learning environment. To that end, I am requesting that all media inquiries or presence be directed to our District Office at 15250 Avenue of Science, San Diego, 92128, a press room will be available on the first floor, adjacent to the main lobby. Any phone inquiries should be directed to my office at (858) 521-2700.