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RE-1 heightens security measures following Aztec school shooting

The district has received notification of a reported school shooting in Aztec, N.M. The administration of Montezuma-Cortez School District RE-1 is assuring the public that safeguards against such a tragedy are in place in the local schools.

“We have no reason to believe that there is any threat to students in our district at this time. However, we have taken precautionary measures. Every school has been notified, and staff are operating under heightened awareness,” said RE-1 Superintendent Lori Haukeness. “Protocols in place throughout the district include security at all school entrances and exits, and safety plans that can be enacted very quickly.”

Local county, city and tribal law-enforcement agencies have increased their presence at RE-1 campuses and will be present at each school during student release at the end of the school day.

“The district has a comprehensive safety plan and is very diligent in keeping our students safe,” Haukeness said. “Our thoughts and prayers go out to our neighboring district.”

The state has established an anonymous tip line for school safety and students and community members are encouraged to call at anytime with any concerns potentially impacting student and staff safety. 1-877-542-7233