Darien Schools Locked Down Briefly After Threats in Schools Elsewhere Judged 'Non-Credible'

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Darien police will be at the town's schools for the rest of the day after "several non-credible threats" were made to schools elsewhere in Fairfield County, the Police Department announced in a tweet Friday morning.

Darien Schools Superintendent Alan Addley said in an emailed message to parents at 10:03 a.m. that schools had been put on "Schools Secure" mode, meaning no entry or exit from the school buildings was being allowed. At 10:44 a.m., Addley announced that schools were returning to "regular operation," but police would remain "throughout the day."

Although the Darien Police tweet mentioned "several" threats to "schools throughout Fairfield County," Addley only mentioned threats made to schools in Stamford and Westport.

Here's the full text of the Darien Police Department tweet at 10:28 a.m.:

The Darien Police Department is aware of several non-credible threats made to schools throughout Fairfield County. Darien officers will be present and monitoring all Darien schools for the remainder of the day.

Here's the full text of the 10:03 a.m. message from Addley:

Parents,

We have received word of active school threats in both Stamford and Westport Public Schools this morning. We are in communication with the Darien Police who have deployed police to remain on watch across the school community. As a precautionary measure all schools are being placed in School Secure. This means classes will continue as usual but there will be no entrance into the school or transitions of classes until potential threats are cleared. We will provide an update about the threats in other towns and any actions we are taking as more information becomes available.

Thank you,

Dr. Addley

Here's the full text of Addley's follow-up message, sent at 10:44 a.m.:

The Darien police has confirmed the threats to the Stamford and Westport Public Schools were hoaxes. Darien schools and classes are returning to regular operation. The police will maintain a presence throughout the day.

Thank you,

Dr. Addley