

**PELHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY
EBCC – FALSE ALARMS, BOMB, ACTIVE SHOOTER,
AND OTHER SUCH THREATS**

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The Board recognizes that false alarms, bomb, active shooter or other such violent threats are a significant concern to the schools. Whether the threat is real or a hoax, it represents a likely substantial disruption to the educational mission of the school, as well as a potential danger to the safety and welfare of students, staff, and school property.

No person shall make or communicate, by any means, a threat stating the current or future presence of: a fire, an explosion, an active shooter, an explosive device, a biological or chemical substance, or other catastrophic emergency on school premises. This prohibition extends to activating any alarm on school property intended to warn of the presence of one or more such threats or conditions when the person activating the alarm knows the threat or condition is not present, or there is no reasonable basis presence of such threat or condition. Making such threats or false alarms will be deemed a violation of the applicable code of conduct, with potential disciplinary action, and will be referred to law enforcement for potential criminal prosecution.

Any such threat will be regarded as a serious matter and will be treated accordingly.

Through the schools' Emergency Response Plans, the Superintendent will ensure procedures are in place in the event a threat is made.

District Policy History:

Adopted: June 07, 2006

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Legal References:

RSA 158:9, Possession of Explosives

RSA 644-a, False Fire Alarms

RSA 644:3, False Public Alarms