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Lockdown at LCTI lifted following shooting threat

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SCHNECKSVILLE, Pa. | A shooting threat prompted a lockdown Wednesday morning (Feb. 28) at Lehigh Career & Technical Institute.

Students discovered the threat on a note left in a school bathroom and notified staff at about 9:45 a.m. Administrators put LCTI on lockdown and notified Pennsylvania State Police, who arrived on campus roughly 10 minutes later.

State police secured the campus and conducted a thorough search of the school before concluding it was safe to resume normal operations. The lockdown was lifted at about 11 a.m.

The shooting threat remains under investigation. Any questions about the investigation should be directed to state police.

LCTI's afternoon session was not canceled. However, two high schools did not send their afternoon session students to LCTI because of scheduling problems caused by the lockdown.

Executive Director Dr. Tim Rushton praised school students and staff for how they handled themselves during the incident. He also thanked state police for their prompt assistance, parents for their patience and LCTI's sending high schools for their flexibility in a difficult situation.

"Given the national climate, we at LCTI understand that incidents like the one today are challenging for our community. LCTI is committed, first and foremost, to the safety and well-being of our students and staff. We continually strive to improve our protocols for handling incidents related to school security," Rushton said.

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About Lehigh Career & Technical Institute

Lehigh Career & Technical Institute is Pennsylvania's largest career and technical school. Founded in 1971, LCTI each year provides more than 45 skills-based programs of study, as well as academic instruction for about 2,700 students from 10 of Lehigh County's public high schools. LCTI also offers industry-relevant training and credentials for adults working in the Lehigh Valley and beyond. The school's state-of-the-art facilities encompass 450,000 square feet on a 47-acre campus in the Schnecksville section of North Whitehall Township. Learn more at lcti.org.