

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Marquette, MI, February 20, 2024** - This afternoon at approximately 4:00 p.m., an intruder alarm sounded at Marquette-Alger RESA. Law enforcement was immediately contacted, while staff and visitors at the building followed the lockdown procedure that has been developed for situations such as these. Law enforcement responded quickly, and performed a thorough sweep of the building according to protocol. All staff and visitors were evacuated safely, and no viable threat was identified. The reason for the alarm is still being investigated.

At Marquette-Alger RESA, the safety of our students and staff is our top priority. We take all threats seriously and investigate them thoroughly. When a threat is reported, law enforcement is contacted immediately to assist in determining if the threat is credible and to assess the risk to our students and staff. If the threat is deemed to be credible, appropriate steps are taken to protect our students and staff.

Marquette-Alger RESA is committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment. Students, parents, and staff are encouraged to report any suspicious activity to RESA or law enforcement officials immediately.

We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to regional law enforcement and first responders for their partnership in keeping our schools and communities safe.

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## Please direct inquiries to:

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