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Officials: Irondequoit High School is safe

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A call to the West Irondequoit Central School District's anonymous tip line led to a student being questioned by police after a threat was made against Irondequoit High School in a social media post.

"The school is safe, the community is safe and we feel very confident that we have mitigated this," said Irondequoit Police Chief Richard

Tantalo during a news conference outside the school on Cooper Road on Monday morning.

He said the alleged threat was nonspecific. He did not provide details of the posting.

"It could be interpreted in many different ways, and I certainly understand how someone could interpret it that way," he said. "It didn't indicate a specific action, but just, if you will, the

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tone and climate in the United States these days concerning school safety was enough cause for us to move forward."

The investigation is ongoing, and charges could be forthcoming, he said.

District Superintendent Jeffrey Crane said the tip to the Safe School Helpline came in sometime early Sunday. He said the district immediately contacted police and activated its security plans, adding additional staff and security for Sunday's football game in Victor, and for the team's return to the high school. Crane said around 12:45 a.m. Monday, district officials were notified that the person who allegedly made the post, a student at Irondequoit High, had been located. "The system worked," he said. "We had a call, we found the youngster, and the youngster is receiving the help necessary. We are going to go forward with a safe and secure environment in all of our schools."

Crane said it is likely the student will be suspended or face other school-related consequences.

'If you see something, say something,' but in addition, if you are concerned about a youngster for any reason, you use that phone line specifically on your concern so we can get all the folks together who are responsible for providing a safe and positive environment for every single student and staff member."

West Irondequoit Safe School Hotline can be reached at (800) 418-6423, ext. 359.

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He reiterated the importance of the district's tip line, enacted last March.

“The system we set up last year with this anonymous tip system worked exactly the way it should work,” he said. “We all hear,