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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Homer High School evacuated Thursday morning

Soldotna, May 16, 2013— All students were accounted for and safe this morning, after classes at Homer High School were disrupted for approximately thirty minutes.

At approximately 8:55 a.m., Thursday, May 16, 2013, Homer High School administration evacuated the school after Dr. Allan Gee, principal, saw a suspicious device in a stairwell. Law enforcement was contacted, and the KPBSD emergency action plan was activated. The school building with approximately 370 students and staff evacuated in around three minutes. About 100 students used an alternate evacuation route, following protocol for fire drills, which are practiced monthly.

The suspicious device was quickly determined to be nonthreatening.

After a thorough search of the school, the Homer Police Department cleared the building for reentry, and students returned to classes.

At all times, students were safe, which is our number one priority.

“I found a suspicious device, and while also realizing it is a week of senior pranks, took this seriously, and secured the area following the KPBSD Emergency Action Procedure,” Dr. Allan Gee, principal said.

KPBSD is committed to the safety of our students and staff, and welcomes close work and coordination with local law enforcement.

School administration and law enforcement are conducting a thorough investigation.

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