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LCTI deemed safe after morning bomb threat
School was evacuated and checked by Pennsylvania State Police

SCHNECKSVILLE, Pa. | A bomb threat Thursday (March 17) prompted the evacuation of Lehigh Career & Technical Institute and the cancellation of its afternoon high school classes.

LCTI administrators became aware of the threat shortly before 9 a.m. and responded by notifying police and evacuating the school. Staff and students were sheltered at secure locations off campus.

Due to the bomb threat, LCTI’s morning session was cut short and students were bused to their sending high schools. LCTI’s afternoon high school session was canceled. Afternoon Adult Workforce Education classes, however, were held as scheduled.

Pennsylvania State Police responded to the school and, with Schnecksville Fire Co. firefighters, sealed the campus. Assisted by LCTI staff, state police conducted a thorough sweep of the school’s campus and its buildings. At about 11:30 a.m., state police cleared the school and staff were allowed to return.

LCTI Executive Director Tim Rushton praised school students and staff for how they handled themselves during the incident. He also thanked police, firefighters, Lehigh Carbon Community College staff and staff from LCTI’s sending high schools for their prompt assistance during a difficult situation.

The bomb threat remains under investigation. Questions about that investigation should be directed to state police.

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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. Visit lcti.org for more information about LCTI.