

RESOLUTION NO. 19-0904C

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE CERRITOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT IN SUPPORT OF ADEQUATE SAFETY AND SECURITY MEASURES

WHEREAS, on September 3, 2019 at 11:53 a.m., a suspect made a verbal threat of violence in a classroom at Cerritos College; and

WHEREAS, a student notified the instructor of the threat, who immediately notified the authorities; and

WHEREAS, the suspect ran from the building and Campus Police issued a shelter-in-place alarm over the emergency broadcast system; and

WHEREAS, within minutes the suspect was apprehended by the Cerritos College Campus Police Officers without incident; and

WHEREAS, the campus was cleared by Campus Police and local law enforcement agencies by 2:24 p.m. on the same day of the incident.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees commends the Cerritos College Campus Police Department for capturing the suspect within minutes; and

The Board of Trustees commends the Cerritos College Campus Police Department and local law enforcement agencies for expediently collaborating to clear the campus; and

The Board of Trustees commends the courageous student and instructor who followed the principles of "see something, say something" by immediately calling 911; and

The Board of Trustees commends the campus for following established safety protocols; and

The Board of Trustees commends the countless individuals who bravely went beyond their job duties to ensure one another's safety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees remains committed to the safety and security of every person at Cerritos College; and

The Board of Trustees is dedicated to ensuring that staff and students are provided with resources to address the psychological effects of the incident; and

The Board of Trustees will immediately review established safety mechanisms and protocols; and

The Board of Trustees is committed to ensuring that resources are adequate to meet the security needs of the campus; and

The Board of Trustees directs the President/Superintendent to hire an independent, outside organization to review established safety and security mechanisms and protocols and report back to the Board of Trustees within six months.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of September, 2019 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

President

ATTEST:

Clerk