

# Harkness placed on lockout following threats; Cheektowaga Police investigating

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CHEEKTOWAGA – A heavy police presence was seen outside Harkness Career and Technical Center early Friday afternoon after a threat was made against the school.

Cheektowaga Police officers were seen outside the entrances to the school on Aero Drive as busses picked up students from the school's morning session around Noon. Several other officers were stationed throughout the parking lots.

We observed a woman trying to enter the school through the front doors but was turned away by police officers.

A statement from the Erie 1 Boces School District says:

*"Harkness is currently on lockout. We were notified of an unconfirmed threat for the afternoon session. The police are currently investigating. The safety of those in our care is paramount. The mid-session is currently being released as planned. However, afternoon classes are canceled to allow*

*authorities to continue their investigation. Once their investigation is concluded, we will provide you with an update.”*

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This was the second threat made against the school in two days. A Sweet Home student made a threat of violence Thursday morning according to police records. It wasn't immediately clear if the two incidents are related.