

District asking for attendance allowance because of Chino High lockdown

Chino Valley Unified School District is requesting an attendance allowance from the state because of the lockdown of Chino High on Feb. 23.

The five-member Chino Valley Unified School Board unanimously approved the district's request to seek the allowance from the state at its meeting on Thursday, May 8 at Woodcrest Junior High in Ontario.

The district receives money from the state, based on an estimated Average Daily Attendance (ADA). The request asks that the state credit the school district \$31,464 for lost ADA because of the lockdown.

On the morning of Feb. 23, Chino High was placed under emergency lockdown at the direction of the Chino Police Department. During the lockdown, students were prohibited from entering the campus on Park Place. Several parents also came to the school that day, signing their children out because of safety concerns. As a result, 846 students were absent from Chino High that day, according to school district officials.

Attendance that day should have been approximately 2,285 students, district officials said.

The lockdown was called after a bomb threat was made against Chino High students and faculty. Chino Police, Chino Valley firefighters and the Ontario Airport Police canine unit were dispatched to the school at 6:34 a.m. To insure student safety, students already on campus were held in the quad area of the school, and arriving students were prohibited from entering the campus. The lockdown was lifted approximately three hours later, after a thorough search of the campus by emergency personnel. Students were then allowed to enter the campus.