

## Robo Call Threats to Schools:

As a result of the recent spate of robo-call threats to schools, [Seattle Public Schools](#) has alerted its teaching and learning department and sent out reminders to staff to “follow the procedures”. The goal is to remain vigilant, but not hypervigilant.

Excerpt from the SPS notice:

### NSPRA Sweep of Schools Making News —

#### Are You Prepared for Issues Like These?

#### International Hacker’s Group Plans More School Bomb Threats

An international hacker collective with a Russian email address is claiming responsibility for a wave of worldwide school bomb threats. The digital media website [Mashable](#) and news outlets in the [United Kingdom](#) and [Australia](#) report that the so-called “Evacuation Squad” is set to initiate a pay-to-threaten program across Europe on March 1. A spokesperson for the group identified as Viktor Olyavich said they make the threats “because they are funny to us,” adding: “We don’t worry about the consequences, because our main threat-makers are based in Russia and Iran.” The group reportedly is accepting requests to call in bomb threats at schools, businesses and sports facilities, and plans to start charging digital bitcoins for the “service.”

#### More on the ‘Evacuation Squad’:

- <http://nymag.com/following/2016/02/>
- <http://mashable.com/2016/02/01/school-bomb-threats/>
- <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/evacuation-squad-pro-putin-online-group-claims-responsibility-for-school-bomb-threats-in-england-and-a6838856.html>