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Peaceful Student Protest

Schertz, TX (1/22/2026) – The Schertz Police Department is aware of and has been monitoring a peaceful First Amendment protest involving a small group of students from Samuel Clemens High School.

The students are currently gathered near the intersection of Westchester and Elbel. The protest remains peaceful and orderly. The primary purpose of Schertz Police personnel's presence is to ensure student safety. No enforcement action has been taken by law enforcement personnel, and we continue to work collaboratively with SCUC ISD Administration while monitoring this situation.

The Schertz Police Department would also like to address rumors circulating on social media regarding the presence of ICE agents at the location. **This information is FALSE.** No ICE agents have been present at the protest site or at the school. Jim Lowery, Chief of Police, stated, "When citizens post unvetted information on social media, it can seriously complicate law enforcement efforts by spreading false information at lightning speed. Once shared, inaccurate content is hard to fully undo. This false information heightens public panic or hostility, making it harder for officers to manage situations safely and effectively. We will continue to monitor the area to ensure the safety of students, staff, motorists, and the public while respecting lawful First Amendment activities." The only law enforcement agency in the area and at the school is the Schertz Police Department, which is there strictly for public safety and to manage traffic and pedestrian safety.

If a citizen has a question regarding police activity within the city limits of Schertz, please call 911 or 210-619-1200 to make an inquiry.

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