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Suspected shooter among deceased

AZTEC, N.M. – An active shooter opened fire at Aztec High School on the morning of Nov. 7, leaving at 2 students dead and 15 others injured. The numbers of the injured were reported in a statement from the Navajo Nation.

The suspected shooter is also dead, San Juan County Sheriff Ken Christesen confirmed.

First reports of the shooting came in at around 8:30 am.

As of noon on Dec. 7, police had not yet released information about the shooter, or confirmed if the shooter was a student.

Aztec High School was placed on lockdown and evacuated following the shooting. Nearby Bloomfield High School and Farmington High School were also placed on lockdown as a precautionary measure, but those lockdowns were soon lifted.

Attorney General Hector Balderas responded to the Dec. 7 shooting in a statement.

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"Our hearts break for the victims and their families," he said. "We pray for the survivors, and are grateful to the brave first responders for their heroic actions on the scene. We have offered Office of the Attorney General resources to support the victims, the Four Corners community, and first responders during this horrific tragedy."

Just under 1,000 students attend Aztec High School. Following the shooting, school busses brought students to McGee Park in Farmington, where they were reunited with their parents.