



September 30, 2025

Dear Middle School Families,

Thank you for your feedback, questions, and request for additional information. I am providing additional information below, drawn from some of the questions I received, in an effort to help all parties involved. If, after reading this information, you still have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ): School Safety Concern – September 29, 2025**

### **1. What happened at the middle school on September 29th?**

A concern was brought to the principal's attention regarding a student who **was rumored to pose a threat to others**. The school administration took the report seriously and immediately activated the district's **threat assessment protocol** to ensure the safety of all students and staff. All reported potential threats are taken seriously and investigated.

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### **2. What steps were taken when the concern was reported?**

- The student of concern was located and supervised in a secure location to ensure the safety of all students and staff.
  - The School Resource Officer (**SRO**), a contracted employee of the Huntingdon Police Department, was present during the process.
  - School operations continued safely and without disruption.
  - The student's belongings were searched, and a handheld metal detector was used; no weapons or dangerous items were found.
  - The student's locker was checked and secured
  - The principal and administrative team conducted interviews with all parties involved, including the student of concern, classmates, and staff members.
  - Administrators gathered information from multiple sources to verify facts and timelines.
  - The SRO and administration reviewed any available digital communication or social media references related to the concern, and none were found.
  - No credible threat or evidence of harmful intent was discovered.
  - The building was checked and cleared early Tuesday morning by the Huntingdon Borough Police to ensure that no risk was present in all areas of the school, allowing for a return on Tuesday.
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### 3. Was there any actual danger to students?

**No.** After a thorough and structured investigation, there were **no weapons**, **no evidence of a plan or intent to cause harm**, and **no credible threat** identified. The information was found to be **based on hearsay and rumors**, rather than facts. Social media posts unaffiliated with the district suggested there was a list of students and guns at that school. This was not true information.

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### 4. How were students informed about the concern?

- The Superintendent visited 7th and 8th-grade classrooms throughout the day on Monday to explain the situation, answer student questions, and reinforce safety procedures.
  - Students were encouraged to focus on factual information and to avoid spreading rumors.
  - A follow-up grade-level meeting was held with all grade levels and teachers to review the facts on Tuesday
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### 5. What should families and students do if they hear about a possible threat in the future?

Always **report concerns immediately** to a school administrator, teacher, or law enforcement.

You can also submit information anonymously through the **Safe2Say Something** system:

 <https://www.safe2saypa.org/>

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Sincerely,

*Jennifer Mitchell*

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Superintendent