



## Huntingdon Area School District

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Dear School Families,

A concern was brought to the principal's attention at the middle school this morning regarding a student who was likely to cause harm to other students on the middle school site. All concerns and threats are addressed in a timely and efficient manner, following a well-established threat protocol that includes our school resource officer as needed. I was at the school myself and conducted the investigation. **After a thorough investigation, no safety issues were found at the school.**

When the school receives a threat concern, the first thing that happens is to secure any potential actors and ensure the safety of all individuals. That was done with the resource officer. **There were no weapons or any evidence of any intent to cause harm.**

However, just because there is no immediate concern does not mean that we don't take the potential threat seriously. The administration then conducts a comprehensive threat assessment, which involves speaking with witnesses and gathering all relevant facts. After gathering all the facts again, it became clear that the information was based on hearsay and rumors.

The next step of the administration, after ensuring a safe environment, is to start communication. The following communication was done.

- Staff was made aware of a potential concern and that all students were safe, and to convey that if students were discussing the situation.
- I went to all 7th and 8th-grade classrooms, as the situation was isolated to those grade levels, and spoke to students about the matter directly and assured them they were safe.
- Students were encouraged to report any information of concern to adults, but not to contribute to the situation by spreading more rumors.
- A school messenger was not sent immediately during the day as there was no threat to students. If there had been a safety issue, you would have received immediate communication. **Daytime communication is reserved for real emergencies. If you get a messenger in the daytime, we have a real event or an emergency**

While there was no immediate danger today, we know that many of our families may be understandably concerned about school safety. Please know that our top priority is the safety and well-being of our students and staff. We take any and all reports of potential threats seriously, and we make every effort to maintain an environment where students and staff feel safe.

We would like to continue to encourage our students and school community to report anything that could constitute a threat to school safety. As always, we work closely with local law enforcement to assist in these situations. Please remember that an anonymous reporting system is available at: <https://www.safe2saypa.org/>

We understand how important your children are to you and that you entrust us to care for them while in our district buildings.

Sincerely,

*Jennifer Mitchell*

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Superintendent