



**Huntingdon Area School District**  
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Dear District Families,

I am writing today to inform you that the district has enacted our safety protocols for a student who was found missing from class on April 22, 2026. The student exited the middle school building on a side door after gaining permission to use the restroom this afternoon.

**The student was found safely and returned to the family's custody.**

Upon the staff immediately realizing the student had not reported to their next scheduled class, the administration sought the support of our district resource officer. This creates an immediate response from our local law enforcement. Parents are notified and supported through the event by the administration. If, after a quick general search, no results are yielded, the police take over the process with permission and in collaboration with the family and school district.

The police issue a missing-child alert so the caring community can also join the search. We are thankful to our neighborhoods, Juniata College, and community members who help provide details and leads to the situation. The community of Huntingdon never disappoints in the care they show for one another and the support they provide in an emergency. For this, we are thankful and proud to be members of the community. We would like to especially thank our Huntingdon Borough Police Department and Chief Streightiff for their quick response.

You may be wondering, “How could a student leave the building?” I want to provide some context about how supervision is structured across our schools.

Supervision levels are intentionally designed to align with students’ developmental stages. In our elementary school, students are closely supervised at all times and are escorted throughout the building. At the middle school level, students are gradually given more independence as they learn to transition between classes and navigate the building responsibly.

At the high school level, students are given greater flexibility as part of their preparation for adulthood. Many students drive and may have approved schedules that include off-campus classes, employment, appointments, or participation at the career and technology center. In these cases, students sign in and out through a digital system to ensure accountability.

While expectations differ by level, student safety remains our top priority, and systems are in place at each building to balance supervision with the development of independence and responsibility.

Sincerely,

*Jennifer Mitchell*

Superintendent