



# Jackson County Middle School

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Dear Jackson County Middle School Family,

Working in partnership with parents to provide open communication and ensure the safety of all students, I wanted to inform you of an event that occurred yesterday. A student in the Jackson County Public School System brought a toy-type air pellet gun to campus. Upon the discovery of the device, there was an immediate confiscation by a staff member.

Proper board policy and procedure was enacted, and local law enforcement was contacted to assist in the administrative investigation of the matter. The very nature of these investigations gives rise to many rumors and concerns by the stakeholders of the school system. Therefore, I felt it necessary to send a letter home today to reassure you that we take every threat to student safety seriously and act within the bounds of law to resolve any situation that arises. Providing a safe and secure learning environment is of top priority to the Jackson County Public Schools.

As parents, you can also help. Please take this opportunity to speak to your child about the importance of school safety. While peer pressure is great at this age, we want to encourage students to feel comfortable reporting any information they may have that compromises their safety and the safety of others. Working together we can maintain an environment where students are free to focus on learning.

As always, I welcome your comments and questions. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should have any concerns.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Gabbard  
Principal