

Clark School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

It is regrettable that I have the task of informing you of an incident which occurred on our campus yesterday. I want you to have all of the facts as I know them at this time, while understanding that the incident is still under investigation. An eighth grade male student was arrested after bringing a gun to school. The young man brought the handgun into the school concealed in his backpack.

A rumor began circulating among some of the students yesterday that one of the students had bullets or a loaded clip with him at school. A concerned student reported that information to me at which time I immediately located the student and notified the school's resource officer and local authorities. This matter was handled very swiftly by law enforcement and the student never posed a threat. There was no lockdown as there was no immediate danger to anyone and no reason to interrupt the other students and teachers who were actively engaged in the teaching and learning process. At this time, I do not know why the student brought the weapon to school. He did not have a record of discipline problems, nor do I know of any problems he had with anyone at school. The gun belongs to the student's father and the family has cooperated with the local authorities. The student will not return to Clark following this incident. In following the established law, the student will be suspended from Mobile County Public School for a minimum of one year.

I encourage you to continue talking to your children and urge them to immediately report suspicious activities, threats or disturbing information to an adult. Providing a safe learning environment is our number one priority, and we will continue to be vigilant. Thank you for your help and support of our efforts to accomplish this goal. Working together, we can ensure that the educational process is allowed to continue in a safe uninterrupted environment that our children deserve.

Sincerely,


Dianne McWain, Principal

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