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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am contacting you regarding a safety concern that was brought to our attention this afternoon.

At 1:55 pm, we received a phone call from a substitute teacher in a social studies class, reporting that students were talking about weapons and school shootings and that one student had indicated he had a weapon in his backpack.

Mr. Bartsch and I went immediately to the classroom and asked all students, other than the one who had self-identified as being in possession of a weapon, to evacuate the room.

Upon searching the student's backpack, no weapon was found. We also learned that, at no point, was a direct threat voiced towards any person.

Through further interviews with students, we were able to determine that a group of students had been joking about school shootings in general. Before the end of the class, I was able to assure students that, indeed, they were safe and encouraged them to speak with their parents about the incident.

Please know that, given recent events, we take safety concerns very seriously, respond to them immediately, and issue consequences as appropriate. In addition, we informed the school Superintendent and the Peterborough Police Department of the situation. Furthermore, Mr. Bartsch and I have called all parents of the students in the class individually.

I want to thank you again for your ongoing support of our school community as we work to keep everyone safe.

Sincerely,



Gib West