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As stated in the press release earlier this morning, at approximately 8:10AM, a black case that contained an unloaded handgun was located under a shelf at Dade County High School. The teacher immediately notified the DCHS Administration and the School Resource Officer (SRO). Once the handgun was secured and in possession of the SRO, a search was conducted and no additional weapons were found. After the SRO had taken possession of the firearm, school staff was notified that the handgun was unloaded and ten rounds of ammunition were stored inside the gun case.

Our goal was to notify the public as quickly as possible while still maintaining the integrity of the investigation. At this time, the case is active and school officials are not authorized to release specific details pertaining to criminal investigations. Dade County Schools will always follow protocol and take these situations seriously. Furthermore, we will continue to work closely with the the Dade County Sheriff's Office as they conduct their investigation.

We have requested an additional law enforcement presence throughout the day in addition to the School Resource Officers. As always, the safety of our students and staff will remain the top priority.

Sincerely,
Josh Ingle
Superintendent