



WORKING TOGETHER – with Hornet Pride!

January 13, 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to inform you of a situation that was reported to the district this weekend. A family notified us that their child discovered a small bag of gum inside their winter boot at the end of the school day on Friday, January 9. Upon closer inspection, the parent realized the gum contained cannabis and THC. We want to reassure our families that the package had not been opened and the student did not consume any of its contents.

As soon as this information was shared with us, school administration initiated an review of the situation and local law enforcement was contacted. At this time, we have not been able to determine how the item ended up in the student's boot. Our administrative team will continue to investigate thoroughly, and we will provide any new information to law enforcement as it becomes available.

This incident serves as an important reminder of the conversations we must have with children about safety and awareness. Please take a moment to talk with your child about the importance of never consuming items if they do not know what they are or where they came from. These discussions help reinforce strong decision-making skills and keep students safe both at school and at home.

If you need help with resources for having these conversations with your children, please contact your building administrator for assistance.

We would also like to reiterate that our schools remain strictly drug-free zones. This includes cannabis, alcohol, tobacco, vape devices, and any related substances. Maintaining a safe, healthy, and supportive learning environment is our highest priority, and we appreciate your partnership in reinforcing these expectations at home.

Thank you for your cooperation, understanding, and continued support in helping us uphold a safe school community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jay Larner'.

Jay Larner
Superintendent
New Lothrop Area Public School