



[Update on a Recent Recess Incident at POBMS](#)

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Dear POB School Community,

I am aware that information and photographs related to a physical altercation during recess that resulted in a student injury at POBMS are being shared on social media. As a result, some members of our school community have reached out with questions about how incidents of this nature are addressed.

When a student is injured at school, our first priority is the student's safety and well-being. Whether an injury occurs accidentally or as the result of a physical altercation, staff members respond by attending to the injured student, securing the area, supervising other students, and notifying parents as quickly as possible.

Once immediate safety and medical needs have been addressed, administrators begin a thorough investigation. This process includes gathering statements from students and staff, reviewing available video footage, documenting facts, and determining what occurred before decisions regarding disciplinary action are made. In this case, that process was initiated immediately.

The building principal, District administration, and the Nassau County Police Department are involved and continue to work collaboratively as the investigation proceeds. In addition, building administration is reviewing supervision practices and procedures to determine whether any adjustments or improvements are warranted.

Physical altercations are a direct violation of the District's Code of Conduct. Such behavior is inconsistent with our expectations for students and our commitment to providing safe learning environments. Fortunately, incidents of this nature are uncommon in our schools, but when they occur, they are addressed promptly and seriously.

As with all matters involving students, state and federal privacy laws prohibit the District from discussing the details of an investigation, disciplinary measures, or consequences with anyone other than the families of the students directly involved. While we understand the desire for additional information, protecting the privacy rights of students remains an important responsibility.

Our focus remains on supporting the students involved, conducting a thorough investigation, and ensuring that our schools continue to be safe and supportive places for all children. We ask that you refrain from sharing the social media posts that contain the child's picture outside the group with which it was originally shared.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Dr. Mary O'Meara
Superintendent of Schools