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Weapon Recovered at Thornridge High School; Two Students in Custody

South Holland, IL – Thornton Township High School District 205 is providing information regarding a safety incident that occurred today at Thornridge High School.

At approximately 11:20 a.m., school administration was notified that a possible weapon magazine had reportedly been seen in the gym area. In response, the School Resource Officer immediately contacted the Dolton Police Department. Multiple officers responded to the campus and conducted a thorough search of the building.

During the investigation, a weapon was recovered. Two students were arrested in connection with this incident and are currently in the custody of the Dolton Police Department.

As a precautionary measure, Thornridge High School was placed on lockdown to ensure the safety of all students and staff. Following the response and search, the school transitioned to a soft lockdown for the remainder of the school day. During a soft lockdown, instruction continues as normal; however, movement within the building is limited, and no unauthorized entry or exit is permitted.

“The safety and well-being of our students and staff remain our highest priority,” said District leadership. “We are grateful for the swift response of our School Resource Officer and the Dolton Police Department, as well as the cooperation of our students and staff during this situation.”

Thornton Township High School District 205 will continue to work closely with law enforcement as the investigation proceeds.

For additional information regarding the investigation, members of the media are advised to contact the Dolton Police Department, 708-841-2533.

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About Thornton Township High School District 205: Thornton Township High School District 205, located in South Holland, Illinois, is a leading educational institution dedicated to providing exceptional education and fostering a supportive student environment. District 205 schools, Thornridge, Thornton, and Thornwood, are committed to empowering minds, inspiring futures, and preparing students for college, career readiness, and lifelong learning. For more information about Thornton Township High School District 205, please visit www.district205.net.