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Families:

At approximately 8:49 a.m. this morning, the high school office was notified that there may be a weapon in a student's vehicle in the high school parking lot. Within minutes, staff detained and searched the student. Law enforcement also arrived within minutes and began an investigation.

Before 9 a.m., investigators determined there was **no malicious intent or imminent threat to any building on campus.** A search of the vehicle recovered an unloaded shotgun with one live shotgun round loose in the vehicle. A magazine containing live handgun ammunition was also recovered. No handgun was found in anyone's possession or on school property. The student and parents are fully cooperating with the ongoing investigation.

The district takes all incidents involving weapons on school property extremely seriously and responds in accordance with Michigan law and Board policy.

Again, our campus is safe and secure. At this time, the school day is expected to finish according to the regular schedule.

News of this nature can be unsettling for families. The district appreciates the quick response of high school administration and law enforcement partners. Student and staff safety remains the priority, and we will share additional updates as appropriate.

Regards,

Randy Fleenor
Superintendent