



Jody Ian Goeler, Superintendent of Schools
Christopher Melillo, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

September 8, 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians:

On Saturday, September 6th, I was informed by Hamden Police that a student at the Middle School had allegedly brought a firearm to school and concealed it throughout the day. According to the information received by police, the weapon remained concealed and no threats were made to any members of the school community.

Later in the day, this student was alleged to have brought and showed off this weapon to other students after school hours in the Church Street School area. This weapon was confiscated and secured by Hamden Police later that evening at a second student's home.

I believe a strong security plan involves the community in an effort to ensure everyone's safety and security. I assure you that we are continuing to work with Hamden Police, School Resource Officers, security staff, administration and teachers to assist with the investigation and remain vigilant in implementing safety procedures and strengthening infrastructure.

Related to the issue of school safety, we are working with representatives from the Hamden Police Department and community organizations to involve the Hamden community in assisting our efforts to ensure safety in our schools. We'll be sure to keep you updated as these plans develop.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jody Goeler", written in a cursive style.

Jody Ian Goeler
Superintendent
Hamden Public Schools