



Cherry Hill High School West

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Dr. Kwame R. Morton, Sr., Principal

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Dear Parents:

This afternoon, a Cherry Hill High School West student reported a concern that there was a weapon inside the school. The student reported the concern to an adult, who in turn reported it to administration and Campus Police. The Cherry Hill Police Department was called and the school was put in Lockdown, allowing no one in or out of the building, and requiring everyone inside to stay in place and quiet.

This protocol allowed police to conduct a thorough investigation of the building. The investigation determined there was no threat. The building transitioned to a Shelter in Place. A Shelter in Place means students and staff stay in the rooms where they are, and instruction continues. The Shelter in Place was lifted, and dismissal and after school activities took place as scheduled.

I would like to thank the student who reported the concern, our staff and administration, our Campus Police and the Cherry Hill Police Department for their quick and calm response.

I also would like to remind our community that in an emergency situation and during investigation, **it is unwise to text and otherwise alert news media**. In a situation such as this, our primary focus is the safety of our students and staff. Our professionals both in the schools and in the Cherry Hill Police and Fire Departments are trained to investigate and manage a situation. As soon as information is available, it is shared with the public.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kwame R. Morton

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