



Holly Area Schools

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Dear Parents and Staff of Holly Area Schools,

The safety of our students, staff and families is our top priority. This afternoon, Holly Middle School administration received a report regarding a student making an inappropriate and concerning statement in front of other students in class.

Students reported to Holly Middle School administration that one of their peers had made a comment about having a gun in a backpack. The students told school administrators that they believed the comment was made in jest while joking around with other students, however they felt compelled to report it and we began an investigation in accordance with school policies and procedures.

School administration worked with law enforcement to investigate and were able to determine the report had no merit. The student found responsible for making the inappropriate comment will be held accountable in accordance with our student code of conduct as such comments, even those made in jest, carry serious consequences.

At Holly Area Schools, we thoroughly investigate all reports of inappropriate behavior, threats and weapons in accordance with our school policies and in partnership with local law enforcement. We maintain a zero-tolerance policy for weapons on school property, and bringing a weapon onto Holly Area Schools grounds can carry serious consequences, including expulsion and criminal charges.

We encourage our parents to talk with their students about the consequences of making inappropriate statements while in school or on social media. We also encourage our students, staff, and parents to report any threats or inappropriate comments to school administration and police immediately.

As always, it is an honor serving as your superintendent.

Sincerely,

Scott M. Roper, Superintendent
Holly Area Schools

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