



Biloxi Public Schools

Good Morning Biloxi High School and Biloxi Junior High School Parents,

I am contacting you this morning to notify you that Biloxi High School administrators received a tip today concerning a weapon on campus. They immediately located and searched the student. They did locate an unloaded gun without the presence of ammunition. The student has been arrested and will be disciplined in accordance with district policy.

I would like to provide some clarification on the recent instances reported from Biloxi High School. None of the reported cases have been linked to any type of bullying, threats, or school related issues. In all occurrences, investigations revealed that there was never an intent to use a weapon in the school setting. However, we as a community must solve this problem to prevent the spilling over of community issues into our school system.

Last week, Biloxi Schools teams met with local City Council members, the Biloxi Police Department, and the Harrison County Youth Court to address how we can combat this in our community. Through this partnership, we are communicating information regularly and working proactively as a team to continue removing any unsafe elements from our schools and community. I would again like to reiterate that we are referencing a miniscule percentage of students that are perpetuating this problem.

We are taking immediate actions to ensure parents and students of a safe school setting. Enhanced security measures will continue to be in place at the Biloxi High School and Biloxi Junior High School campuses. These include 3 full time school resource officers and 6 security officers. Students can expect random metal detector usage from this point forward to ensure a weapon free environment.

We all know that information spreads like wildfire on social media. I want to ensure you that the district will continue to be your best source of transparent and trustworthy information.

As I have said in the past, we will not let this extremely small number of students ruin our amazing school system. We cannot allow approximately .16% of our student population to disrupt the learning environment for the 99.84% of our students that are here for all of the right reasons. Our students and community continue to be our best resource in providing a safe environment. I am calling on all Indian Nation families to continue supporting our school system and the Biloxi community in our mission of providing a high-quality education for all students.

Thank You,

Marcus Boudreaux