



**Duncanville Independent
School District**
"Champions for Children"

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Dear Parents,

In an effort to keep you informed, I would like to share information with you about an incident that occurred at Duncanville High School today.

The DHS Duncanville Police Department School Resource officers received an anonymous tip through the DHS Crimestoppers hotline (**972-708-2677**) about a weapon on school grounds. The officers immediately began investigating the tip, which led to the recovery of a handgun from the backpack of a DHS student. The small caliber firearm was NOT loaded. The student was taken into custody and removed from the campus. School administrators will continue to work closely with the Duncanville Police Department during further investigation of this matter. We do not believe today's finding is connected to last week's incident.

Please know that the safety and security of our students and staff is a top priority, and we take today's event very seriously. Over the next couple of weeks you will notice an increased presence of law enforcement officials at the school as an added precaution and focus on campus security. We will also conduct random searches using stationary and hand-held metal detectors.

We wanted to make you aware of this event in a timely manner. We commend our School Resource Officers for such swift action and compliment our staff and students for the manner in which they responded. The Crimestoppers hotline program continues to be an exceptional resource for sharing critical information with individuals who could proactively respond.

We encourage you to talk to your children about informing teachers and school administrators when they are aware of important and potentially serious issues. Please note that following any such situation, I will communicate with you in this manner to keep you involved and informed on behalf of your child.

You may contact my office at 972-708-3700 if you have any questions. Please be assured that our most pressing responsibility is the safety and security of your child. I appreciate your cooperation and partnership regarding your child's education.

Sincerely,

Mike Chrietberg
Principal