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VAN BUREN SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Dear Parents:

This notification is related to an allegation that we had a gun at one of our schools today. In an effort to communicate accurate information, we want you to know that there was never a gun on campus.

As you know, last week, we asked you to join us in encouraging our students to report possible threats regarding guns. We believe our effort to make this an important topic for students prevented a possible gun on campus today. This morning, our local police informed us that one of our students posted a comment related to bringing a gun to school on social media. The other students who were aware of this post quickly notified their parents who contacted the police. According to police, a firearm was found by the police in the student's possession off campus. The gun was never brought to campus. The district will continue to work with law enforcement as they continue their investigation. The student has been removed from school and the district is continuing to take appropriate measures to ensure the safety of students and staff.

Van Buren is a great school district and this activity is obviously outside the norm, but we take this type of behavior very seriously. Our district is working with the Van Buren Police Department and the Crawford County Sheriff's Office to continue planning efforts to keep our children safe.

Sincerely,

Dr. Harold Jeffcoat  
Superintendent