



Port Jervis

SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Port Jervis Learning Community,

Middle School Principal Jean Lain and I met with Chief Worden this morning to discuss the results of a police investigation that took place over the weekend. Specifically, on Friday evening, the Port Jervis Police Department received a report that a student may be in possession of a weapon at the Middle School Dance. Police officers arrived at the Middle School and determined that the student did not enter the dance or the school building, however, it was confirmed that the student was on school property while in possession of a BB gun. The police have concluded that the BB gun was not shown and that there was no threatening behavior by the student, however, the Port Jervis Police Department Juvenile Aid Bureau is continuing to monitor the situation. The absence of a threat notwithstanding, possession of a BB gun or weapon of any form on school district property, regardless of intent or time of day, is a serious violation of our District's Code of Conduct and will be handled accordingly.

I share this information with our learning community as open communication is a cornerstone of the home to school relationship, as well as to ensure that accurate information is conveyed to those that place the highest levels of trust in our District to provide a safe and secure learning environment for our children. Furthermore, I wish to convey the appreciation for the thorough and exemplary work of the Port Jervis Police Department in taking the report, commencing an investigation, and reaching a conclusion in a highly efficient and effective manner.

Should there be any questions or concerns, please feel encouraged to contact the Middle School Main Office or District Office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Rydell".

Michael Rydell
Superintendent of Schools