



SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY SCHOOLS

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Re: All Clear- Routine Drug and Explosives Check - School Lockdown (No Threat)

Dear Parents and Community Members:

I have just been informed that Southampton Middle School and Southampton High School have received an **ALL CLEAR** from the Southampton County Sheriff's Department.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to keep our students and staff safe.

ORIGINAL MESSAGE BELOW

Dear Parents and Community Members:

This morning, Southampton Middle School was placed on a temporary lockdown. The Southampton County Sheriff's Department, in conjunction with the Southampton County Public School Division, **executed a routine drug and explosives check of our school.**

We appreciate the Southampton County Sheriff's Department working with the school division to be proactive as we work collaboratively to protect our students and staff within our schools.

Communication About Law Enforcement Presence and Lockdowns

I am aware that parents and community members would like to know in advance or as soon as the Sheriff's Department arrives on campus their reason for being there and the reason for a lockdown at a school. At times, I will not be able to divulge that information immediately because doing so may compromise the work of our law enforcement agencies and thwart their efforts to keep us safe. Please know that as soon as I am able to provide parents with updates, I will do so.

As always, thank you for entrusting us with the care of your children.

Yours in safety,

Gwendolyn Shannon, Ph.D.
Division Superintendent

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