



SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY SCHOOLS

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UPDATE TO ALLEGATION OF WEAPON AND DRUGS

December 9, 2021

An ALL CLEAR has been issued by law enforcement at Southampton High School.

Dear Students, Staff, Parents, and Community Members:

This morning, it was brought to my attention that the administration of Southampton High School was made aware that a student may have a weapon and drugs on campus.

We instituted a lockdown, and the Southampton County Sheriff's Office, Isle of Wight Sheriff's Office, Chesterfield County Sheriff's Office, Virginia State Police, and K-9 officers searched the building. **No weapon or drugs were found as a result of the search, and the law enforcement agencies have issued an ALL CLEAR.**

Southampton High School is no longer on lockdown, and students have resumed their daily activities.

I want to thank the students, parents, and staff for their cooperation. I am also grateful to the community for standing with our school division during this time. Lastly, I appreciate the school administration, the Southampton County Sheriff's Office, the Isle of Wight Sheriff's Office, the Chesterfield County Sheriff's Office, the Virginia State Police, and the K-9 officers for their diligence and thoroughness. They left no stone unturned while searching for the weapon and drugs.

As always, the safety of our students and community is paramount. We will remain vigilant in doing all within our power to keep students and staff out of harm's way. Our belief remains, "See Something, Say Something."

If anyone has any information about this matter, please contact the Southampton County Sheriff's Office at 757-653-2100, Southampton High School at 757-653-2751, or the Southampton County School Board Office at 757-653-2692.

Sincerely,

Gwendolyn Shannon, Ph.D.
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