



# BUNKER HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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*"Carrying on a Proud Tradition of Learning"*

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Dear Bunker Hill Families and Bunker Hill Staff:

At approximately 7:51 am, this morning, Bunker Hill's administrative team, along with the help of our Special Law Enforcement Officer, were informed of a suspicious backpack in the hall. The backpack contained a large quantity of paintball pellets and other paintball equipment that included pellet containers, a mask, and a belt. The backpack contained no paintball gun. Seeing the contents of the package and the location it was in the hall caused concern that there may be efforts to use the paintball equipment for mischievous reasons. As a result, we put the school in shelter in place/lockout so we could ascertain if there were any other bags of this nature and decipher who brought the bag to school.

On surveillance we were able to locate the individual, questioned the student, and the student's intent of bringing the backpack to school. Through our investigation, it was apparent that there was no malintent with the backpack or the contents of the backpack and the situation was an error in judgement. As a result, we enacted appropriate discipline because of the disturbance it created. The entire investigation took roughly 10 minutes. BHMS Students were then permitted to resume their normal school day.

We want to assure you that your children are safe, and we conducted a thorough investigation of the incident as supported by law enforcement as well.

Sincerely,

Mike D'Ostilio