



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF  
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**Michelle Burns, Ed.D.**  
Principal

November 20, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian:

This letter is to inform you of a serious incident that occurred at Randolph this morning. Today, a student was found in possession of a loaded firearm when his school bag went through the entry scan at the building entrance. The School Police took immediate possession of the school bag and immediately contacted the Philadelphia Police Department.

At that point the school went into lockdown until we could make sure there was no additional threats to the school. No threat was discovered and the lockdown was lifted at 10:27 a.m. No students or staff were harmed and the student in question is in custody with the Philadelphia Police Department.

I want to assure you that we take the health and safety of our students very seriously and that we have taken the necessary steps in response to this incident. If you or your child has any concerns regarding this incident, I encourage you to please contact my office directly. Please note that the Philadelphia Police and School District Police will conduct a full investigation regarding this incident.

This incident underlines the need for all of us, as a school community, to work together to ensure the safety of our school and our neighborhood. Please take the time to speak to your children about the serious consequences of bringing any type of weapon to school. It is important that children know that if they need help or have a concern regarding their own personal safety to please contact a school staff member or a police officer immediately.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my office at (215) 400-3840.

Sincerely,

Dr. M Burns; Principal

Ms. K Williams-Smalley; Assistant Principal