



Steger School District 194

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Dear Steger SD 194 Families:

We need to inform you that we had a Columbia Central student bring an "Infrared Laser Tag Toy Blaster" to school today and kept it in their locker. This student showed the "Infrared Laser Tag Toy Blaster" to a couple of friends while they were at their lockers. This student also told a classmate that they had a "gun" in their locker. The student that was informed of this immediately told a teacher, and this teacher immediately informed Columbia Central Administration.

Columbia Central Administration followed SD 194 security protocols, conducted a locker search and found and confiscated the "Infrared Laser Tag Toy Blaster." At no point in time was any student, staff member, or visitor in danger.

Safety is our primary concern of your child while at school. Ensuring a safe and secure environment for our students is our top priority. We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that, pursuant to Board Policy 7:190, students are prohibited from bringing "look alike" weapons to school. Please be sure your students are aware of this policy and that they refrain from bringing toys that look like a weapon.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Together, we will succeed in our mission to provide a safe and secure educational experience.

Sincerely,

Dr. David T. Frusher
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