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Friday, December 7, 2018

Dear Parents, Guardians & Community Members:

This morning, administrators at Parker Junior High School were informed that a student showed a loose bullet and a shell casing on the school bus on the way home yesterday afternoon. Today, an investigation was initiated in cooperation with the Flossmoor Police Department. The student was immediately identified, searched and we verified that the bullet and shell casing were not on the premises today. The student admitted to bringing the items to school yesterday, but no malicious intent was determined during a risk assessment with school staff. Please know that we are taking this issue very seriously and that the school district will be seeking swift and appropriate disciplinary action.

Events like this are unsettling for students, parents, staff and the greater community. The safety of students and staff is our number one priority, and we will continue to work diligently to ensure a safe and secure learning environment. We need to continue to encourage our children to speak up when they see or hear something unsafe and to remind our students that their actions can have severe and far-reaching consequences. Please take a moment this weekend to remind your children not to bring any dangerous items to school.

Parents and students, we thank you for your continued support and cooperation. If you have any questions, concerns, or additional information, please feel free to contact us at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Dr. Dana Smith
Superintendent

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