



# EAST ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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To: East Allegheny Parents/Guardians  
From: Donald L. MacFann, Superintendent  
Date: April 10, 2017  
Re: **Recent Altercation**

On Friday, April 7, 2017, at approximately 12:25 p.m. an altercation involving multiple students in grades 9-12 occurred in the East Allegheny Junior/Senior High School cafeteria. Please be aware that all protocols were followed and no teachers were hurt during this incident. District personnel immediately contacted local law enforcement who responded within minutes of notification. Building level administration began to investigate the incident through electronic observation along with verbal statements from student and faculty eyewitnesses. Although it may be alarming to hear of a lockdown or lockout, we utilize this response when necessary to ensure the safety of all students and staff, and to keep the situation isolated.

The investigation is ongoing, and there may be charges pending, following the administrative findings. According to reports from students, staff, and community members, multiple videos have been posted online which describe portions of the incident, accompanied by written dialog. The East Allegheny School District along with local law enforcement will continue to review all forms of social media in order to gain a precise understanding of how those directly involved violated policy and procedure in order to ensure these violations are handled expeditiously and accurately.

The East Allegheny School District's primary concern has been and will continue to focus upon the safety of all students, staff members, and visitors within our School District. The administration will review and apply all policies and procedures concerning any violation placing our students, staff, of community members within our school at risk. We have and will continue to review all aspects of these violations with local law enforcement, staff members, and other members of our safety committee to ensure these forms of physical aggression are eliminated from the East Allegheny School District environment.

Once again, our responsibilities will remain focused on the safety and security of all students attending the East Allegheny School District school buildings and those students attending private, parochial or charter schools. Through teamwork and cooperation, the East Allegheny School District, staff members and community members, will continue to resolve these issues and allow all students to receive an appropriate education in a safe and secure manner.

Thank you for your continued support and you are welcome to contact the administrators at any time with concerns you may have.