



Jefferson County Public Schools

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Dear duPont Manual Families,

I want to inform you about a serious incident that occurred near last night's soccer game between Manual and Brown which was taking place at Central High School. During the game, gunshots were fired at a nearby store, unrelated to the event or our schools. The individuals involved in that incident fled the area, and the Louisville Metro Police Department (LMPD) immediately called for everyone at the game to shelter-in-place, out of an abundance of caution.

JCPS Police responded quickly and professionally, safely evacuating the soccer field and ensuring the safety of all students, staff, and spectators. We remained in communication with law enforcement throughout the situation, and once LMPD confirmed that the area was secure, attendees were allowed to safely leave.

In order to dispel misinformation, I want to be clear: this incident was not on JCPS property and was not connected to JCPS or our schools. However, it is another heartbreaking example of how community violence continues to impact our students and school events. This is unacceptable.

We are deeply grateful to both The Brown School's and our staff, JCPS Police, and LMPD for their swift action to keep everyone safe. As always, the well-being of our students remains our top priority. If your child was affected by this event and needs support, please don't hesitate to reach out to our team.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael Newman
Principal
duPont Manual High School
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