Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Paducah Middle Families,

Our school is committed to the safety and education of all our students. We also want to clearly communicate with families about safety issues when they arise.

During lunch today, students told school officials one of their peers had a gun. The school resource officer and administrators responded by removing the student in question to a secure location and alerting the Paducah Police Department. Other students contacted their parents who also called PPD.

The investigation revealed the student was using a cell phone charger to make it seem as if there was a gun in his pocket. Formal charges are pending.

Unfortunately, schools have experienced an escalation of threats in recent years. These threats cause emotional, instructional, and financial impact on our school. State law (KRS 508.078) details terroristic threatening and its potential penalties. Families received this information in back-to-school documents earlier this year.

Please talk with your child about how dangerous and disruptive school threats can be. It is important to discuss the best ways to regulate emotions and tempers to prevent these situations in the future.

You and your student help keep our school secure by reporting concerns, as many did today. We are grateful for your partnership! If you have any questions or information to share, please contact me at 270-444-5710 or geco.ross@paducah.kyschools.us. You can also text the anonymous STOP TIPLINE if you know of suspicious activity at 866-399-6659.

Geco Ross, Principal

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