



## SELINGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Selinsgrove Area School District Community:

In an effort to ensure all communities within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are informed related to school safety, the Pennsylvania Legislature has recently increased reporting expectations within Act 44 (School Safety) to require the official notification of weapon related incidents to families and employees directly impacted. Concepts to consider when receiving notifications related to safety:

- ✓ Any incident verifying the existence of a weapon on campus will warrant a notification.
- ✓ Being notified there was a weapon on campus does not constitute there was a threat to people's direct safety.
- ✓ If there is a threat to anyone's safety on campus, the communication will explicitly detail the event and outcome.
- ✓ The default understanding for these notifications is that they are informative in nature and there is not a threat to be concerned about at this time unless explicitly stated.
- ✓ Remember, this communication requirement will most likely create an initial perception that safety is a concern, or weapons violations are more frequent than they used to be, while that is not necessarily the case. Prior to this requirement, families and staff were only provided communications if there was a threat or rumor of a threat.
- ✓ If you have any specific safety questions, please feel free to contact your student's building principal, or the district superintendent.

Weapon Incident: 5/5/2026

Late yesterday afternoon, an Intermediate School student was found to have a pocketknife in their possession. Upon being investigated, it was determined that school policy had been violated, but there was no intent to do harm or disrupt the safety expectations within the building by the student. This incident is not viewed as a threat due to lack of intent. As always, there will be appropriate discipline and follow-up with the student's family. Everyone can take this opportunity to remind their students of the importance of knowing what is in your backpack or in your pockets before you go to a public place, especially school.

Thank you for your understanding,

Brian C. Parise