



ATLANTIC COMMUNITY
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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Last week, a 1st grade student at our school discovered that someone outside of the school had placed a handgun in the student's backpack. The student was understandably upset and notified school officials. The school immediately contacted the Galloway Police Department which promptly responded, securing the weapon and taking the student to a safe place to be evaluated by appropriate authorities from the State of New Jersey. It is very important to know that the school took every precaution to ensure the safety of all students and staff.

The Galloway Police Department, who have concluded their investigation permitting us to now communicate with you, were able to determine that the person who placed the weapon in the backpack was not one of the student's parents.

Unfortunately, this situation serves to illustrate the challenging conditions that many children face today. Our administrators, teachers and staff work continuously to create a safe, nurturing environment where our students can learn. When situations such as the one last week occur, our staff works together to ensure the proper supports are put in place.

The Galloway Police Department conducted a thorough investigation and only upon its completion was the school able to communicate this matter.

Educationally your,

Edmund F. Cetrullo, Jr.
Principal/Lead Person

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