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Good Afternoon,

This morning, there was a report made to the administration that a student had ammunition in their backpack and that a weapon may also be present. Administration acted swiftly to secure the students involved and their possessions and determined that no firearm was present. Based on the initial report, law enforcement personnel were notified of the potential presence of a weapon on school grounds, and they responded to MRHS within minutes. Students were placed in a shelter-in-place out of an abundance of caution and to allow law enforcement to conduct a thorough sweep. Students were safe and accounted for throughout the incident, and ultimately, no weapon was found.

At this time, the shelter-in-place has been lifted. Students will be provided with their regular school lunch, and due to this significant disruption to the academic day, we will begin dismissal procedures at 12:55. Buses will be available to bring students home for the day. Previously scheduled athletic events will be held as planned. Other than indoor recess at HHES, no other schools were or will be impacted by this event. Both HHES and BMS will have regular dismissals this afternoon.

We thank everyone for your patience, understanding, and trust. Student safety is a top priority, and we take all reports seriously. Your students were outstanding! We thank Mr. Pickering and Mr. Taylor for taking quick action. Should you have questions regarding the law enforcement response, please contact the New Ipswich Police Department directly. We are incredibly grateful for their support and care for our schools.

Sincerely,
Melissa Gray
Assistant Superintendent