

# Lockport Township High School District 205

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Dear Porter Families,

Re: September 29, Homecoming Dance incident

Two LTHS students are now facing criminal charges and school disciplinary action because of their conduct at Saturday's homecoming dance. The matter still remains under investigation by Lockport Police and LTHS administration. Here is what is known at this time:

- The doors to the dance opened at 6:45 p.m.
- At approximately 7:45 p.m., a student informed a Lockport police officer that he heard that a student had brought a gun to the dance. The student provided the officer with a description of the student. As part of the regular supervision staff at the dance, seven Lockport police officers were present at East Campus.
- The Lockport police located and took the student into custody at 7:55 p.m. The student did not have the pellet/BB gun in his possession. At approximately 8:25 p.m., and while still in police custody, the student admitted that he had brought a pellet/BB gun to the dance but had passed it to another student when he saw police searching the fieldhouse.
- The second student, to whom the pellet/BB gun was passed, was observed re-entering the cafeteria at 8:42 p.m., and was immediately taken into police custody. The student informed police that he had buried the gun in the yard of a nearby residence. Lockport police went to the location and recovered the pellet/BB gun.
- At approximately 8:45 p.m., a large group of students in the hallway outside the fieldhouse by the CWC became startled and began rushing for the exit. Several students fell resulting in students falling on top of each other. The incident remains under investigation for the cause of the exit rush.
- At approximately 9:45 p.m., a phone and email message was sent to parents informing them of the incident, and a message was placed on the school website.

Several surrounding police agencies sent teams to East Campus responding to an erroneous report of an active shooter at LTHS. With many students leaving and parents arriving to pick up students, the dance was concluded a half-hour early at 9:30 p.m. The incident remains under investigation and anyone with information regarding this incident should contact Lockport Police.

The safety and well-being of our students remains our top daily priority. Mr. Hicks and Mrs. Green will inform students Monday that school counselors and social workers will be available to assist students experiencing stress or anxiety because of this incident.

Sincerely,

  
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