



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA
KENSINGTON CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS

1901 N. Front Street
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215-400-7400



February 26, 2024

Dear KCAPA Parents and Guardians,

This letter is to inform you about a lockdown that occurred this morning at KCAPA. Our school is committed to the safety and education of all our students. We also want to clearly communicate with parents about safety concerns when they arise.

At approximately 10:35 a.m. on Monday, February 26, 2024, our school nurse received a call from a private number stating that someone was threatening violence against the school. Per District policy, we placed the school on lockdown and notified the Philadelphia Police Department as well as members of the School District of Philadelphia School Safety team, who were onsite to support. **A full and thorough search of the school and school grounds was conducted and the building deemed safe to resume our day.**

The School District of Philadelphia values the safety of our students and staff and works to create a safe and nurturing school community. When emergency situations arise -- whether actual or rumored -- staff will take specific actions to assess the alleged incident to ensure that the school community is not in danger. We want to stress that our schools have very strict guidelines in place to address real and potential threats, working closely with the appropriate authorities when handling an emergency situation.

The lockdown was lifted at approximately 11:16 a.m. Students were able to resume their instructional day.

This incident reiterates the need for all of us, as a school community, to work together to strengthen the safety of our school and our neighborhood. We understand that lockdown situations can be disruptive and concerning for students. Should your child need additional support, counselors are available for all students.

Please contact the school at 215-400-7400 if you have any questions or concerns. You can also reach out to our counselors, Ms. Simonds (dsimonds@philasd.org) or Ms. Guerrier (mguerrier@philasd.org), if your learner needs additional support.

Sincerely,

Melanie Keiper
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Kensington CAPA