



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA
KENSINGTON CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS

1901 N. Front Street
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215-400-7400



April 3, 2025

Dear KCAPA Parents and Guardians,

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

Today, at approximately 11 a.m., there was a report of the smell of smoke from a first-floor boys' restroom. Upon inspection, there was evidence of a piece of singed toilet paper but nothing further. Following the School District of Philadelphia's guidance, the fire department was notified. Upon inspection by the Philadelphia Fire Department, no additional singed items were found. The location was secured, and classes continued without incident. Our School Police and Climate Manager are reviewing closed-captioned video footage to determine the identity of those responsible. **A complete and thorough search of the school premises was conducted, and Philadelphia FD deemed it safe for students to remain in the building, and our day continued uninterrupted.**

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 such 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 (grades 9-10) at dsimonds@philasd.org or Ms. Guerrier (grades 11-12) at mguerrier@philasd.org.

Sincerely,

Ms. Melanie Keiper
Kensington CAPA HS
Assistant Principal