



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA  
**KENSINGTON CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS**

1901 N. Front Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19122



February 27, 2026

Dear KCAPA Community,

This letter is to inform you about an incident that occurred **during dismissal on Friday, February 27, 2026. A fight occurred at the Berks St. el stop. Climate and School Safety staff were on hand to break up the fight, disperse the students, and ensure their well-being. Shortly thereafter, shots were fired on the 1800 block of Hope Street. KCAPA was placed on lockdown at approximately 2:45 p.m. and at 3:16 p.m., the lockdown was lifted by Philadelphia PD.**

The safety and well-being of our students is a top priority. We encourage our families to speak with their children about the role they play in keeping our schools safe, as well as the dangers and serious consequences of firearm possession.

We all serve as the eyes and ears of our community and play a vital role in keeping our students safe. Individuals can submit an anonymous tip through Safe2Say Something, a youth violence prevention program run by the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General. Tips can be submitted through the website, [www.safe2saypa.org](http://www.safe2saypa.org) or by calling Safe2Say at 1-844-723-2729. Students may also make anonymous tips to the main office if they know something that should be shared. Individuals can submit an anonymous tip by calling 215-400-SAFE or sending information via email to [schoolsafety@philasd.org](mailto:schoolsafety@philasd.org).

The School District of Philadelphia values the safety of our students and staff and works to create a safe and welcoming school community. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns by calling the main office at (215) 400-7800. Thank you for your continued support of the students at KCAPA High.

Sincerely,

Ms. Patricia McDermott  
Principal