

SOUTHWARK SCHOOL



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Dear Southwark School Community,

This letter is to inform you of a lockdown that occurred today at our school. This afternoon, a teacher shared with administration that three students reported that there was an unknown person who allegedly had a firearm in the building. We immediately entered a lockdown and contacted the Office of School Safety and the Philadelphia Police Department (PPD) to assist with the situation.

The building was thoroughly searched by school administration, School Safety and PPD, and our camera system footage was reviewed. Based on the camera footage, the report of a stranger with an alleged firearm in our building was **unfounded**. We were given permission to lift the lockdown and we resumed our normal school day.

As you know, the safety and well-being of our students is the main priority of each and every staff member here, and we will always strive to ensure that school remains a secure and welcoming environment. I understand how incidents like this can be frightening to students and if they feel they need someone to speak with, we encourage them to contact one of our school counselors.

We thank you for your continued partnership. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns by calling the main office at (215) 400-8280.

Sincerely,

Andrew Lukov
Principal