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Staff, students and community,

At approximately 12:40 p.m. today, the Westville Public Schools Junior High Principal was alerted to a possible student with a gun on campus. He immediately made contact with our School Resource Officer and alerted the Westville PD. Within 5 minutes, the student in question was located and the weapon safely secured. As the situation was so quickly resolved, a lock down was not necessary during the lunch period. The principal then brought the student to the Superintendent's office, where the investigation and questioning was held. At no time was there a threat made to any student at Westville Public Schools. The student reported feeling threatened by a group of people in an outside community.

Westville Public Schools takes the safety and well-being of our students and staff very seriously. I would like to thank the Westville Police Department for their quick response time and the continued partnership with our School Resource Officer.

I want to also thank the people that reported the threat and the quick action of our administration team. Every situation is different and depending on all of the factors in every situation the proper steps were taken.

Thank you,

Terry Heustis