



DESOTO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Community Consolidated School District #86

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Ranger Family,

At DeSoto Grade School, we work diligently to keep students safe and maintain open lines of communication with our families.

Last night (Monday, October 31), the Jackson County Sheriff's Office responded to Desoto Grade School because 30-40 individuals - none of which are believed to be Desoto students - gathered around the playground area.

Police investigated the situation and found a loaded gun in someone's backpack. The weapon was confiscated, and the entire playground was searched. No other weapons were discovered, no vandalism occurred, and police assured us it was safe for students to attend school today.

Student safety is always our top priority, so we want to let you know the district is aware of the situation and will continue to monitor it closely.

Thank you for your continued support of our students and school district. We would also like to thank the Jackson County Sheriff's Office for the speedy and thorough work in investigating the incident.

Yours in Education,
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