



GREATER Johnstown SCHOOL DISTRICT

To the Families of the Greater Johnstown School District,

Please know that your child's safety, well-being, and security are our number one priority. Yesterday, December 4, 2018, there was a serious police incident which took place in the vicinity of the high school one minute before dismissal. In order to ensure the safety of our students and the security of the school, the Administrative team at JHS placed the school in a shelter-in-place at 2:17 p.m., thus delaying student dismissal from the normal 2:18 p.m. dismissal time. We were contacted by our school resource officer at 2:24 p.m. that the area was safe, at which time we released students for dismissal. We are grateful for the responsiveness of our school resource officer and our Administration and staff.

We understand that in this modern time, your child may have reached out to you immediately regarding this situation by their cell phone. Responding and resolving the situation in an immediate fashion to ensure safety was our first priority. Notifying families and sending out an alert was second. In the future, please know that the district administration will communicate with you as soon as possible.

An alert was sent out as soon as students were dismissed from the building to notify JHS parents of the situation, shelter-in-place, and that their student may have a delayed arrival home. If you are a parent of a JHS student and did not receive this alert, please ensure that your information is up-to-date in our PowerSchool system by contacting the office of your child's school.

The Greater Johnstown School District will continue to work to ensure the highest level of safety possible at all times.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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