



**Tuscarora School District**  
**100 West Seminary St.**  
**Mercersburg PA 17236**

May 28, 2019

Dear TSD Families and Community,

Please see the summary below of a situation at James Buchanan High School today which caused us to go into a lockdown situation for approximately 2 hours.

JBHS administrators received a report that a student had received a text message that referenced a weapon in school. It seemed that the message sender was joking and no specific threat was made. We went into lockdown, called the authorities, and began to investigate. With the help of our Tuscarora Administrative Team, the TSD School Police Officer, and the Pennsylvania State Police, we were able to determine that the person who sent the text message(s) was a JBHS student. The student was taken from the property by PSP and will be charged as appropriate. No weapons were found. We cancelled the lockdown and continued our daily operations as normal to finish the day.

Parents were informed of the lockdown and the update via our calling system and on our social media outlets. We asked that parents NOT come to pick up their students in the middle of a lockdown as this adds to the complexity of the situation. Thank you to our parents for your cooperation.

The safety of our students and staff is our highest priority in the Tuscarora School District. I am happy to discuss any concerns or feedback you have regarding this incident. Please feel free to contact me at any time. Thank you, as always, for your support.

TSD Proud,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Benedick".

Rod Benedick  
Acting Superintendent  
Tuscarora School District