

January 21, 2022

Dear Magruder High School Families:

Montgomery County Police are conducting an investigation into the serious incident that occurred at our school today. Police have confirmed that a student has suffered an injury resulting from a gunshot on our campus. The student was transported to a local hospital in serious condition. Our thoughts are with the student, and we wish him a speedy recovery. The police have taken a suspect into custody. The police have also assessed that the school is now safe, and we are preparing to dismiss students.

Dismissal will begin between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. In concert with Montgomery County Police, students who ride buses will be dismissed before all other students. Parents picking up their children at the school will do so at the stadium parking lot. We will notify parents when it is appropriate to come to the school to pick up your children. Dismissal must proceed in an orderly manner to ensure safety as we reunite families with our students. Our goal is to facilitate students' exiting the building as quickly as possible, but we ask families to be patient as we coordinate with our police partners who remain onsite.

In an effort to share information as quickly as possible, the message that we sent upon entering lockdown indicated there was no immediate threat to student or staff safety. We regret using that language as the police continued to actively conduct an investigation inside the school. Our following message clarified that the police continued to be involved in resolving the situation and confirming the school's safety.

We will have more information about social-emotional support available for students and staff in follow-up communications, starting this evening via Zoom and continuing over the weekend and into next week. We commit to keeping you informed and will do so thoroughly and frequently in the coming days.

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