



Orange Township Public Schools

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Good Day Orange Township Public School District Community,

I write to address recent information received today regarding a shooting at the intersections of Lincoln and Central Avenue during school dismissal of Orange High School and Orange Preparatory Academy. Be advised that the Orange Police Department immediately reported to the scene and provided safety for all students and staff in the area. Additionally, the schools were placed on immediate lock down as is the district's procedure.

I must provide important information that the incident did not take place on school property; it in fact took place in front of the Orange Fire Station located on Central Avenue. Though this does ease the tension by any stretch of the imagination, it is important that our stakeholders are aware of all logistics from this afternoon. We will provide counseling support for our students and staff should anyone need assistance.

I want us to take this moment to put our arms around the victim who was injured this afternoon. We are a community that cares, and further, one that hold each other up during difficult times.

Educationally yours,

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