



Port Allegany School District

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March 4, 2026

Re: Act 44 of 2025 Notice

Re: Notice of Incident Involving Possession of a Weapon

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Staff,

Governor Shapiro signed into law Act 44 of 2025, which created new Notification Requirements whenever a weapon is discovered on school property. Districts are required to notify employees, parents, or guardians of these incidents.

This new law may result in more frequent notifications, even when the incident does not pose an active safety threat. **Please note that, although the District must provide parents/guardians and employees with information about weapons violations, the Notice cannot include any personally identifiable student information due to privacy and confidentiality laws.**

The District is providing this notice to inform you of an incident involving the possession of a weapon that occurred on school property, as required by Pennsylvania law.

On Tuesday, March 3, 2026, the District became aware of an incident involving the possession of a weapon at Port Allegany Elementary School. The matter was addressed promptly and in accordance with District policies and applicable law.

At this time, there is no ongoing threat to students or staff. When appropriate, the District works in coordination with law enforcement and follows established safety, disciplinary, and threat assessment procedures.

Out of respect for student privacy and in compliance with state and federal law, the District is unable to share additional details about the individuals involved. This notice is being provided to ensure transparency and to keep our school community informed.

The safety and well-being of our students and staff remain our highest priority. We appreciate your continued partnership and support as we work to maintain a safe learning environment.

If you have general questions regarding District safety procedures, please contact Marc Budd at 814-642-2544