

Babylon Union Free School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Today after school hours the high school administration was notified that an unloaded, holstered weapon was found on the countertop in the bathroom adjacent to the east gymnasium at Babylon Junior-Senior High School. Proper emergency management protocols were quickly deployed, and an investigation into the matter began immediately.

It was determined that the weapon belonged to a retired Suffolk County police officer who was working at the building as part of the district's security team.

At no time was the safety of our students or staff in jeopardy, as the weapon was unloaded and was quickly recovered. It was determined that the item was unattended for a very brief time.

Please know that the district takes this matter very seriously. The individual in question has been relieved of his duties, effective immediately. We will take this opportunity to review our security and safety protocols and implement any changes necessary to further safeguard our district.

As always, the safety and security of our students and staff is our top priority.

Sincerely, Mrs. Linda Rozzi Superintendent of Schools