



## Mars Area School District

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Oct. 21, 2014

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

In an effort to keep you informed, Mars Area School District is following up on information regarding the evacuation of Mars Area High School because of reports of smoke in the building earlier today (Tuesday, Oct. 21)

District administrators immediately contacted local fire officials, who have since determined that the cause of the smoke was a malfunctioning heating unit in the high school's wrestling room. The school's ventilation system then transferred a smokey haze throughout the building. **No evidence of a fire was detected.**

The District is now in the process of ventilating Mars Area High School. And, high school students and staff, who were evacuated to Mars Area Middle School as a precautionary measure, will be returned to the school for afternoon dismissal.

Mars Area School District would like to thank our local fire departments for their quick and diligent response to this incident and for their continued support of the District's efforts to ensure the safety of our students, faculty and staff members.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Dr. James A. Budzilek, Ed. D.  
Superintendent

Mr. Todd Kolson  
Mars Area High School Principal