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Arnold Adair
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Dear Parent or Guardian,

I am writing to inform you of a situation that took place at Deepwater Junior High this morning. Thanks to a tip from a student, school administrators were informed that another student brought a small handgun to school today.

The school principal immediately responded to the tip, located the weapon, and contacted the Pasadena Police Department. The student was taken to the school office and later arrested and removed from the campus.

Although we cannot share specific information about the student involved in this incident, I want to assure you that no threat was made to any DWJH student or employee. Also, the law requires mandatory expulsion for one calendar year for a student who brings a firearm to school.

As always, safety and security remains our highest priority, and we respond to situations such as this one with great care and diligence. It is important that parents encourage children to contact the school office when they learn about a situation such as this. While we do not believe that the child who brought the weapon to school today did so with the intent to harm anyone at DWJH, the fact that another student recognized the potential danger and reported it makes that child, in my opinion, a hero.

Sincerely,

Arnold Adair
Superintendent of Schools