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PRESS RELEASE

On Friday, January 26th a loaded weapon was confiscated from the backpack of a 7th grade student enrolled at Blackham School. The police were contacted and immediately issued a lock-in/lock-out for the safety of the entire school. During the initial investigation, police and administration discovered another weapon, which was an air compressed pellet gun. Officers remained on the scene throughout the remainder of the school day to ensure the safety of the school community at Blackham School. A phone blast and letter was sent out to parents all of our Blackham PreK-8 families on Friday, January 26, 2018, utilizing the phone numbers listed in our PowerSchool communication platform. In addition, a second follow-up phone blast and notification letter (located on the school webpage) were issued to our Blackham School families/staff again today, Saturday, January 27, 2018.

During the investigation at Blackham School, additional information was received related to a possible firearm at Johnson School, police immediately responded and placed the school in lock-in/lock-out, until police determined that there were no weapons on the Johnson School campus. The school administration immediately issued a phone blast notification to the Johnson Elementary School families/staff. An officer remained at the campus throughout the remainder of the school day to ensure the safety of the Johnson School community.

We commend the vigilant responses from each school administration and security, along with the on-going continuous support of our School Resource Officers.

The matter is an on-going police investigation residing in the Youth Bureau of the Bridgeport Police Department.

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