



# South Western School District

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**October 2, 2023**

**Good Afternoon Mustang Families and Staff,**

**Today, Monday, October 2, 2023, our school district experienced two incidents related to school safety.**

**The first involved a student bringing a single bullet to Park Hills Elementary School. The bullet was quickly confiscated and turned over to the Penn Twp. Police Department. Due to the quick intervention of Park Hills staff, any risk to students was removed.**

**The second incident involved a knife being brought to the high school by a student. At no time was any other student threatened with this knife, and the knife was quickly confiscated by the high school administration.**

**The South Western School District remains vigilant in working to ensure the safety of our students and staff. We continue to encourage anyone who may be aware of any threat or weapon, to report it to the administration as soon as possible.**

**We would like to thank the individual(s) who reported this to the administration and for the continued assistance and partnership with our community, G-Force Security, and the Penn Twp. Police, as we work together to keep our students safe in our schools.**

**Respectfully,**

**Dr. Jay Burkhart, Superintendent  
Dr. Keith Downs, SWHS Principal  
Mrs. Gini Neiderer, Park Hills Principal**