



REDBANK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Dear RVSD Parents/Guardians/Employees:

Act 44 of 2025, section 1303.2-A of the school code, requires school districts to notify parents/guardians/employees within 24 hours of any incident involving possession of a weapon that occurs on school property, at a school-sponsored event, or while using school transportation.

During the morning bus route on 4/14/26, an elementary student accidentally brought a pocket knife onto school property. The student discovered the knife in his backpack on his way to school, and he turned it in to the building principal. At no point was anyone threatened or in any danger. The situation was promptly addressed by school administration, and appropriate disciplinary measures are being taken in line with district policy and state law. Please be assured that the safety of our students and staff remains our highest priority.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact your child's building principal. Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued partnership in maintaining a safe learning environment.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael Guidice
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