



## WHARTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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On Friday, January 18, 2019, after lunch, the Wharton High School principal received a report that there was a picture of a student holding a gun on school grounds posted on social media. The principal made contact with the suspect and began his investigation. During the initial questioning, the object was not recovered. The Wharton High School administration took action to “lock out” the campus to contain the area and protect students and faculty of a possible incident. The campus remained in a “lock out” status for about one hour until the conclusion of the investigation.

An Air-Soft pellet gun was recovered and described as the “look-a-like” weapon on social media. The suspect was taken into custody by the Wharton Independent School District Police Department. All students involved will either receive consequences from the Texas Penal Code or the Texas Education Code/Student Code of Conduct. Wharton Independent School District campus and district administration took swift appropriate actions and erred on the side of precaution for the safety of all students and staff.

Wharton Independent School District does not tolerate the possession of any type of weapon or look-alike weapon on school grounds. Please encourage your child to always immediately alert an administrator, teacher or other adult if they see any danger on our school grounds. Student safety remains our top priority.

Sincerely,

Tina M. Herrington

Superintendent

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