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This is an update about a safety concern today at State College Area High School.

Today, State High principals were informed about a student who had brought a bullet to school and was showing it to classmates. State College Police School Resource Officer John Aston immediately investigated and found the student in possession of a bullet, but not a firearm. Even though the initial incident involving the bullet was resolved, a rumor began to circulate that there was also a gun.

Because of this rumor, students communicated with their parents. Then, a parent called 911 and reported a student was in possession of a firearm in the high school.

Police officers immediately responded, and high school principals swiftly placed the school in lockdown. This means that students were kept securely in place, and nobody was allowed to move throughout the building while the police and high school principals investigated. The lockdown lasted for approximately 10 minutes from 12:34 until 12:44 p.m.

Throughout the morning, all students and employees were safe. As with any incident, we will reflect on our protocol and training to make sure we are doing everything we can to ensure the safety of our students and our entire school community. Thank you to everyone involved for their swift actions to keep the school safe.

Sincerely,

Bob O'Donnell
Superintendent of Schools

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