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To: Parents of Students of Brimfield School District
From: Tony Shinall, Superintendent
Re: Newspaper story of "gun" at school
Date: September 10, 2020

Brimfield Families:

Good Morning. I hope this message finds you healthy and well. In today's *The Weekly Post*, there will be a story about an incident that occurred last week at Brimfield Grade School. The newspaper headline will erroneously indicate that a gun was brought to school. This did not occur. *The Weekly Post* reporter received information about a weapon at school and recklessly assumed it was a gun. I wanted to get this message out as soon as possible to address any unnecessary panic.

In fact, a student brought a pocket knife to school and showed it to a few friends. After investigation, the school confirmed that the student did not harm or threaten anyone with the knife. While no students were harmed or threatened, the school took this situation seriously and followed policies and procedures to address the matter including imposing student discipline.

I have been told that there will be a correction made by *The Weekly Post* next week.

Please have a conversation with your children about this matter and remind them that no weapons may be brought onto school property, regardless of any lack of intent to harm. On the behalf of our students and community, I thank you for your continued support of Brimfield CUSD #309.

Yours in Education,

Tony Shinall