



Mount Carmel Area School District

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Our school district became aware today of the conclusion to a hazing investigation conducted by the PA State Attorney General's Office involving our varsity football team that occurred off school grounds and came to light to our school district in the Fall of 2020.

Our school district's internal response is listed below and was immediately put into place as a result of the information that came to our attention over two years ago.

Fostering a positive environment for our students both on and off campus is and always will be of the utmost importance to our school district. Ultimately our district plan will be to work collaboratively as a learning community, with parents/guardians, students, and staff, to do whatever is necessary to best support a safe and welcoming environment both in the classroom and on the athletic field.

Due to the confidentiality of this matter, the school district will not be making any further comment at this time.

Mount Carmel Area Internal Response to Hazing

- Our School Board and Administration reviewed Hazing Board Policy (Policy 247) and made necessary updates.
- Updated Athletic Policy and Athletic Parent and Student Handbook to include expectations for all students related to anti-hazing.
- All student-athletes involved in extracurriculars complete a *National Federation of High School Sports Anti-Hazing Course* once per academic year before participating in any sport at MCA. Students must hand in a course completion certificate to their respective head coach.
- All coaches, teachers, and staff of extracurricular activities complete a Hazing Informational Course, once per school year, via the *Vector Solutions Safe Schools Platform*. Course completion is tracked through our Athletic and District Office.
- Our district will continue to bring in guest speakers to meet with our students to review topics such as bullying, online and in-person threats, social media awareness, and hazing. (*Past speakers include the PA State Attorney General's Office and Northumberland County District Attorney's Office.*)

- Our district will continue to incorporate leadership activities and curricular lessons during the school day, after-school, and during summer programming activities.

Sincerely,

Pete Cheddar
Mount Carmel Area Superintendent