

Dear Shamokin Area and Mount Carmel Area School District Families:

Today, Tuesday, February 21, 2023, a firearm was confiscated from the backpack of a student at the Shamokin Area Middle/High School. The student is an out-of-district student that attends a program located at the Shamokin Area Middle/High School. This program includes students from both the Mt. Carmel and Shamokin Area Schools and thus the reason for this communication going to both District Communities.

Upon discovery of the firearm by staff, the administration was immediately notified and appropriate protocols were taken. Coal Township Police and the parent of the child were notified and the student was removed from the building. Please know that we take the safety and security of our students and staff very seriously. At this time, all students and staff are safe and are continuing their regular school day. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Chris Venna (Shamokin Area Superintendent)

Pete Cheddar (Mt. Carmel Area Superintendent)