



# KENMORE WEST HIGH SCHOOL

*"Committed to developing knowledgeable, principled, and compassionate young adults"*

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Dear Kenmore West Parents and Students,

Early this morning during student arrival, it was reported to Kenmore West High School administrators that a student was in possession of a weapon. Within moments, the student was found by the School Resource Officer and admitted to the allegation. His belongings and locker were searched and a BB gun was found. The student was immediately isolated and detained. The Town of Tonawanda Police Department was involved immediately.

The possession of an air-powered gun by persons under 16 is a violation of New York State Law, as well as a violation of the district Code of Conduct. The student is facing both criminal and disciplinary charges in relation to this incident.

This situation was addressed swiftly due to the communication between staff, students, and administrators.

Students and families should always remember the ways they can help keep the Ken-Ton community safe such as:

- If you see something, say something.
- Immediately report any concern to the school district.
- If a safety concern arises after hours, students and families should immediately contact the Town of Tonawanda Police Department.
- Information may also be shared anonymously through the Safe School Helpline by calling 800-4-1-VOICE Ext. 359 or texting 614-426-0240.

The Ken-Ton School District takes the safety of all students and staff extremely seriously and recognizes the need to be transparent regarding incidents that may impact our school community. The procedures in place worked. Even though there was never a threat made by the student, it is important to recognize that the response by the entire school community was swift and collaborative.

Sincerely,

Dean R. Johnson  
Principal

