



Binghamton High School

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Dear Binghamton High School Families,

I am writing with an update on the activity that took place at Binghamton High School this morning. First, I want to inform you that administrators have identified the student who is believed to be responsible for the fire. I also want to make you aware that, shortly after the evacuation, a group of students were involved in a brief altercation outside, near the building. Soon after, community members with a connection to one of these students arrived in a vehicle, with metal pipes and attempted to further the altercation. The Binghamton Police intervened and those who were involved dispersed. Our administrators and the Binghamton police are investigating the incident. Any student who was involved with either an altercation or the fire will be addressed appropriately and aggressively in accordance with the district's code of conduct.

Safety remains our top concern and priority. While the degree of physical altercations has subsided since the beginning of the school year at the high school, students continue to engage in conflicts that are leading to confrontations on campus. Additionally, family/community issues are being brought into the school setting, creating an unsuitable learning environment. At this time, we believe it is necessary to develop a plan for a building reset to address the most recent behaviors. **To that end, students will learn remotely until winter recess concludes on Jan. 3.** Students should look for Zoom codes via their teacher's Google classrooms. Instruction will follow the regular period-by-period schedule.

If students need to pick up necessary items, they may do so on Thursday, Dec. 16 at the following times:

9th grade: 9 – 10 a.m.

10th grade: 10 – 11 a.m.

11th grade: 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

12th grade: 12 – 1 p.m.

All after-school activities and athletic events will occur as originally planned. Daily meals will be provided in the back (Front St.) entrance to the building from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (period 4 - 7).

The movement to remote instruction will allow time to consider and implement any necessary actions to enhance security and ensure safety in and around Binghamton High School. Our students and employees deserve a safe and healthy environment to learn and work, and we appreciate your support as we work toward that goal.

Sincerely,

Kevin J. Richman
Binghamton High School Principal