



## Park Forest – Chicago Heights School District 163

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**Joyce Carmine, Ed. D.**  
Interim Superintendent

Date: 11/2/2023

Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you well. At 2:38 pm, before dismissal yesterday, we received notification from a community member stating that they believed that two individuals were fighting and threatening to pull out a weapon across the street from the Barack Obama School of Leadership & STEM. We immediately contacted the police department and placed the school on lockdown. We monitored the situation while in close contact with local law enforcement to ensure the safety and well-being of everyone at the school.

At approximately 3:10 pm, the Chicago Heights Police Department notified us that we were cleared to remove our lockdown status. As always, we will continue to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Lori Colbert*

Dr. Lori Colbert  
Principal, Barack Obama School of Leadership & STEM

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