



Lake-Lehman School District

"To inspire students to achieve personal fulfillment through the context of community, independence, generosity and mastery within a safe learning environment."

Office of the Superintendent
James E. McGovern

January 21, 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are writing to inform you about a new legal requirement that will affect how schools across Pennsylvania communicate about safety-related matters. Pennsylvania Act 44 of 2025 took effect on January 6, 2026. Under this law, schools are required to notify parents, guardians, and school employees of incidents involving the possession of a weapon on any school property. Notifications will be sent to the parents/guardians and staff who either have students attending or are employed in the building where the weapons violation occurred.

Due to privacy requirements in the law, schools are not permitted to share any information beyond the legally approved notification message. Student safety remains our highest priority, and we understand that families value both transparency and confidentiality. To comply with state and federal laws, including FERPA, we are not able to share personally identifiable information regarding the individuals involved.

We want to inform you that these required notifications may be brief and limited in detail. The intent of Act 44 is to ensure timely communication, protect student privacy, and establish consistent procedures across school entities statewide.

We appreciate your continued partnership in reinforcing our school's safety and security expectations with your children. Our commitment to providing a safe and secure learning environment remains unwavering. If your child has questions following an incident, please reassure them that our staff, school resource officers, and law enforcement partners respond quickly and effectively, and that our schools remain safe. If your child needs additional support, please reach out to their school administrator in their building. If you have any questions, please contact your child's building principal.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership.

Sincerely,

James E. McGovern
Superintendent of Schools