



CASTOR GARDENS MIDDLE SCHOOL

1800 Cottman Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19111

November 19, 2024

Dear Castor Gardens Middle School Families,

I'm writing to share information regarding an incident in our school. A student injured two employees today.

I want to be crystal clear that this type of behavior is unacceptable. Our employees are receiving necessary medical care and we are examining next steps.

The School District of Philadelphia values the safety of our students and staff and works to create a safe and welcoming school community. Per the [School District of Philadelphia Code of Conduct](#), weapons are prohibited, and this incident will be investigated in accordance with our policies and procedures.

As a precaution, we have scanners at our entrance to help maintain a safe and secure learning environment for students and staff. Castor Gardens Middle School is committed to meeting the diverse academic, social-emotional and behavioral needs of all of our students. We understand that students who have witnessed this may feel scared or upset. Should your child(ren) want to speak with someone, our counselors Melissa Schafer, William Smalls, and Janet Felici are available.

We all play a role in keeping our schools and communities safe, and encourage students and families to *say something if they see something*. Individuals can submit an anonymous tip through Safe2Say Something, a youth violence prevention program run by the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General. Tips can be submitted through the website, www.safe2saypa.org or by calling Safe2Say at 1-844-723-2729. Students may also make anonymous tips to the office if they know something that should be shared. Individuals can submit an anonymous tip by calling 215-400-SAFE or sending information via email to schoolsafety@philasd.org.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns by calling the main office at (215) 400-3190.

Thank you for your continued support of the students at Castor Gardens Middle School.

Sincerely,
Dr. Shawn McGuigan
Principal