



Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES

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To the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES Community:

On December 6, 2018, during the morning arrival process, a handgun was found on the sidewalk outside of the Middle Settlement Academy (MSA) building at the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES. As a result, school administration immediately notified law enforcement and Middle Settlement Academy activated a hold-in-place, which limits movement of students and staff to the classroom while a situation is assessed.

The entire OHM BOCES campus also instituted a lockdown, which means that no one was allowed to enter any buildings until deemed safe by law enforcement. Law enforcement quickly secured the handgun and the student involved was placed under arrest. An increased police presence remained in the MSA building throughout the school day.

Fortunately, school personnel acted swiftly and appropriately and no one was hurt. While we can never eliminate the potential for threatening behavior, we can and will react quickly and take the necessary measures needed to address these incidents. As always, any suspicious or threatening activity should be immediately reported to school officials and/or law enforcement. The safety of our students and staff remains a top priority at the OHM BOCES.

Sincerely,


Jack J. Boak, Jr.
Chief Operating Officer