

## HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS Office of the Superintendent

April 28, 2022

Dear Holmdel Public Schools Community,

This afternoon, at dismissal, Holmdel High School Principal, Matt Kukoda, was alerted to a situation in the Holmdel High School parking lot. While in a vehicle, two Holmdel High School students were approached by an adult male, not a resident of Holmdel, who was in possession of a knife. The Holmdel Police Department was contacted immediately; the assailant was identified and apprehended without further incident. All students are safe. The assailant's entry into school property and actions were determined to be connected to a previous dispute.

Please know that we take safety in our buildings and on our campuses very seriously; the well being of our staff and students will always be our top priority.

We want to thank those students who have provided us with the information necessary to investigate and bring closure to this incident. We request that you speak with your children and remind them to report any situation about which they feel uncomfortable or worried. We take all reports regarding safety very seriously and will investigate them fully. Only by working as a school community, in partnership with parents and students, can we create and maintain the level of safety that we want for our children and that they certainly deserve.

Sincerely,

Dr. J. Scott Cascone