

LOWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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To: Superintendent of Schools
From: Chief Operating Officer
Re: Response to motion related to student assault

[Motion by David Conway]: Request Superintendent to give an update on the recent alleged assault and battery of a 16-year-old sophomore and her father, near Lowell High School at dismissal, as reported by Boston 25 News.

The safety and well-being of our students is our utmost priority, and we take any report of violence very seriously. Upon learning about the assault, the school administration took immediate action to ensure the safety of the affected student.

A debriefing of the situation occurred with the school administration, Lowell Police Department, and LHS Security. In collaboration with Lowell Police Department increased police presence during dismissal times at LHS and in downtown areas was implemented. LPS security also increased its visibility during lunch time and a safety plan was implemented.

As with any assault or safety concerns with students or staff, collaboration and plans are set in place to ensure a healthy and safe educational environment. We continue to engage with community partners and families in safety initiatives and have regular meetings with officers of the Lowell Police Department. We also appreciate all the support the police department has provided in planning for the start of school.