



Western School District

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Western Parents and Community Members,

I am providing this brief letter to clear up some misinformation that may have been reported last night about an incident that occurred near Western High/Middle Schools.

On Friday, April 14th around 8:30 p.m. there were shots fired along Dearing Road between Western Middle/High Schools and Michigan Avenue. The situation started outside our community between multiple vehicles. ***None of our students or school buildings were involved in this situation.***

However, we did have buses returning from a track meet around this time. Thanks to the quick actions of Dave Hood (operations/technology director), Jared Vickers (WHS principal), Steve Mills (transportation director), Deputy Nick Warner and Chief Dan Deering, we were able to reroute the buses away from the scene and provide additional security as our teams returned safely to the high school.

I hope this helps clear up any rumors that may have been circulating.

Sincerely,

Michael Smajda
Superintendent