



OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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May 24, 2018 (Walterboro, SC): While addressing a discipline matter today with a student, a Colleton County Middle School administrator discovered a firearm in the student's possession.

Upon discovery of the weapon, the school administration immediately evaluated the incident, ensured that all students and staff were safe, and informed the appropriate law enforcement officials.

Please be assured that everyone's safety is paramount. We are continuing to take appropriate measures to maintain a safe and secure environment at all of our campuses.

Colleton County School District policy, as well as state law, considers the possession of a firearm on school premises by a student to be an extremely serious disciplinary infraction, as well as a criminal matter, and is being treated as such.

Since this is an ongoing investigation with the Colleton County Sheriff's Department, the district cannot disclose any further information regarding this matter.