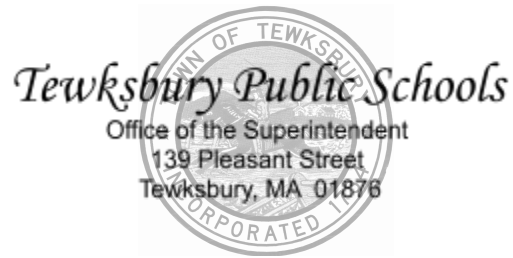


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Dear Tewksbury Public Schools Community Members,

As always, at Tewksbury Public Schools, student and staff safety remains our number one priority. We are troubled by last night's incident that took place here in Tewksbury, after a Tewksbury Memorial High School (TMHS) basketball game with Billerica. This incident involved some of our students being injured by an airsoft / water-based projectile. Our deepest concern is with the TMHS students that were injured, although not seriously, yet as a result of some actions by visitors from Billerica. The Tewksbury Police Department responded immediately and coordinated with the Billerica Police Department resulting in the individuals from Billerica being arrested.

Additionally, since last night, I have been in constant contact with the Billerica Superintendent. A meeting took place this morning between the TMHS and Billerica Memorial High School Administration to ensure we all work together moving forward, to include student leaders from both schools, with the goal of coming together to promote a positive relationship.

We are thankful for the Tewksbury Police Department's quick action and we will continue to support their investigation. It is important that the Tewksbury Public Schools' community join us in collaborating with Billerica Public Schools to find ways to stop these types of incidents and utilize this as a learning opportunity for both communities. I am extremely confident that the Billerica Administration takes this situation very seriously and will work with us to ensure the safety of all students at athletic or other events in the future.

Sincerely,

Christopher Malone

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Superintendent of Schools

TPS District Strategy

The Tewksbury Public Schools community believes that our educational program will encompass a current, research-based teaching, learning, and assessment approach that promotes consistent growth among our students and staff to achieve academic, social, and emotional success for all students.