

# Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District Press Release

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## Incident at Chippewa Falls Middle School

This morning, a staff member at Chippewa Falls Middle School discovered a cased, unloaded gun in a student's backpack before classes began. The student had inadvertently taken an adult's backpack from their vehicle instead of their own. School Resource Officer Downey, school administration, and local law enforcement responded swiftly, ensuring no danger to students, staff, or the community.

Superintendent Jeff Holmes stated, "Our safety protocols worked effectively. We're committed to maintaining a secure learning environment across our district."

Police Chief Ryan Douglas added, "This incident, while resolved safely, reminds us of the importance of community vigilance. We encourage anyone who sees or hears anything concerning to report it immediately."

Both leaders emphasized their commitment to student safety and praised the quick action of staff and law enforcement. They urge families to discuss the importance of reporting potential safety concerns with their children.

With student record privacy laws in mind, we have shared all details that we can surrounding this matter at this time. Please know that we take any potential threat seriously, and are committed to maintaining a safe learning environment for all students across our district.