

Guns/gun threats: HOB School , Policies and Action Taken

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to christina.mcph.

Hello Principal McPherson,

We are aware of an incident at HOB during the last school term when students reported another student having brought a gun to school and subsequent incidents involving the same student verbally threatening another student with gun violence. The most recent incident occurring within the past month or two. One such threat was in the form of a snapchat photo of the student holding a gun and making a verbal threat to another student.

We understand that you are not able to talk about individual student files with us, however, we would like to speak to you at your earliest convenience about what the school policies are for such situations and what action was taken by school administrators in reaction to the above mentioned incidents.

Thank you.



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to Karen

Good morning Ms. Hladik,

I sent this to Principal MchPherson just now. Please let me know if you can be of help in getting a response to my query.



Blue Paper <bluepapermailbox@gmail.com>

Feb 14
(10 days
ago)

to John, Andy, Bobby, Mark, mindy.conn, Ron, christina.mcph., Karen

Principal McPherson,

I have not received any response to my email last week to you nor to the one sent to the District's spokesperson and public records custodian, Karen Hladik.

I was provided a copy of the letter you sent to parents and staff in response to our article in which you mention that all school "protocols" were followed in response to "the incident".

My understanding, from very credible sources, is that there were in fact 3 incidents, the last of which was a threat to kill a student at an after-school event and which occurred in the past three weeks. Please correct me if I am wrong. Please be specific.

But I am writing to you now because I would like to know what the "protocols" that you referred to in your letter to parents are. (In my previous email I requested to be made aware of "policies".)

Please consider this a second request for public records pertaining to the policies and "protocols" that are supposed to be followed by Monroe County school administrators when a student is found to have

1. brought a gun (toy replica or real) to school,
2. When a student is found to have sent a Snapchat image of himself holding a gun (that looks real) to another student containing a death threat, and
3. when a student is accused of threatening to kill another student at a future after-school event.
4. When the same student is accused of multiple successive incidents involving a gun (toy or real).

I am assuming these "protocols" are in writing and I am hereby requesting, pursuant to FS chapter 119, a copy of the document(s) that describes these protocols that you followed in response to these incidents.

Please acknowledge this public records request and provide an ETA for fulfillment of my request.

Please provide the records to me in electronic form via email.

Additionally, I have a few questions if you are willing. The answers will be shared with our readers:

1. Does HOB or the School District have a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist on the payroll or under contract to evaluate students who are red-flagged for this sort of behavior - behavior that could potentially endanger all staff and student body.
2. Was an HOB guidance counselor informed of this student's behavior and the accusations regarding this student's behavior?
3. Does the protocol include requiring the school resource officer to actually document in writing all "thorough investigations" of accusations of students threatening others with a gun?
4. Is anyone on staff tasked with monitoring student social media behavior? (Especially students red-flagged for potentially disturbing or dangerous behavior?)

Thank you.

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Sent from my iPhone

Christina Mcpherson

Feb 15
(9 days
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to Theresa, Lynsey, me, Mark

Good afternoon—I am in receipt of your email. Please be advised that I have forwarded it to the appropriate district personnel. Thank you.

From: Blue Paper [mailto:bluepapermailbox@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 11:40 PM

To: Christina McPherson

Cc: Karen Hladik; John Dick; Kenneth (Andy) Griffiths; bobby@hvl-law.com; Mark Porter; Mindy Conn; Ron Martin

Subject: Re: Guns/gun threats: HOB School , Policies and Action Taken

Principal McPherson,



Karen Hladik

Feb 19
(5 days
ago)

to Kenneth, Ron, me, Christina, John, bobby, Mark, Mindy, Christina

Ms. Girard,

Please be advised that the Monroe County School District has received your public records request regarding policies and protocols mentioned by Principal McPherson. Your request will be processed in accordance with the Florida Public Records Law. You will be advised as soon as possible regarding any possible estimated costs. Payment will be due in advance by check or money order made payable to the Monroe County School District.

Regards,

Karen Hladik
Superintendent's Office
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