

Dedham Middle School

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

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Dear DMS Families,

This afternoon, one of our students experienced a minor medical emergency which required assistance from EMTs. This took place during the lunch block and immediately before one of our lunch transitions. To ensure that the hallways were clear for medical personnel, we dismissed the students in the cafeteria and asked other students to stay within their classrooms. Within a few minutes, we were then able to announce that all students could pass to their next class or to their scheduled lunch time. We extended the last lunch to provide adequate time for all students to enjoy their food.

I have spoken with the student's parents and am happy to share that the child is feeling much better. I would like to thank the staff member who responded instantly and alerted the main office. As with our medical emergency earlier this week, our nurses provided the necessary immediate care and attention to the student in need. We are always grateful for our first responders as well!

It is incredibly unusual to have two incidents such as this in one week. Understanding that some students may worry when hearing an announcement that we needed to stay in our classrooms, I was explicit on the announcements that this was a medical issue and that the goal was to keep the hallways clear.

In addition, your child may have seen our new School Resource Officer Meghan Jenkins at lunches today. This was a previously scheduled time for her to visit our school, meet our students, and begin to foster positive relationships. We are so happy to welcome Officer Jenkins to our community!

As always, please let me know if you have any questions.

With gratitude,
Karen

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