



The Academies at Roxborough High School

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Dear Roxborough School Families,

This letter is to inform you of an incident that occurred today. A student bathroom filled with smoke due to a piece of paper being set on fire. The building was evacuated once the smoke was detected. The Philadelphia Fire Department and the School District of Philadelphia Fire Marshal were on hand to assess the situation and deemed it clear for re-occupancy 15 minutes after evacuation.

Our priority is to ensure a safe, healthy, nurturing school environment for our students and staff. Although this evacuation disrupted our school community, it was handled according to SDP policy, and I would like to thank our students and staff for their cooperation. We thank you in advance for your understanding.

We encourage our families to speak with their children about fire safety. We will continue to put in place safety measures that keep our students safe, and we encourage you to continue speaking with your children about the role they play in keeping our schools safe. Individuals can submit an anonymous tip through Safe2Say Something, a youth violence prevention program run by the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General. Tips can be submitted through the website, www.safe2saypa.org or by calling Safe2Say at 1-844-723-2729.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns by calling the main office at 215-400-3400. Thank you for your continued support of the students at The Academies at Roxborough High School.

Sincerely,

Kristin Williams Smalley

Principal

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