



# North Schuylkill School District

*Robert J. Ackell, Ed. D., Superintendent*

*Robert L. Amos, Business Manager*  
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January 9, 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian/Employee:

In accordance with Pennsylvania Act 44 of 2025, Section 1303.2-A of the Public School Code, the District is required to notify parents/guardians and employees within 24 hours when an incident involving the possession of a weapon occurs on school property, at a school-sponsored activity, or while using school transportation.

On January 9, 2026, an incident occurred at North Schuylkill Elementary School involving a student in possession of a switchblade knife.

The situation was promptly addressed by school administration and law enforcement. Appropriate disciplinary measures are being taken in accordance with District policy and applicable state law.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Robert Ackell at [rackell@northschuylkill.net](mailto:rackell@northschuylkill.net).

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued partnership in maintaining a safe learning environment.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Ackell  
Superintendent