

## SCPD at Jr-Sr HS This Evening

Joseph Steimel • hace 13 horas • Monday, Dec 11 at 9:27 PM • **Eastport-South Manor Central School District**

At approximately 6:15pm this evening, members of the Suffolk County Police Department responded to the Eastport-South Manor Junior-Senior High School for an isolated incident.

Upon a routine school cleaning, a member of our custodial crew found a handgun in a lavatory and immediately notified building security who worked with administration to enact an emergency protocol procedure. The building Principal immediately notified the police and our security began a preliminary investigation. The restroom facility was secured by our security team and no individuals were permitted in the area until the police arrived to conduct a thorough investigation.

As part of that investigation, it was quickly determined that the weapon belonged to an off-duty police officer, who is a parent that used the bathroom shortly before the time and had inadvertently left it behind. This information was determined quickly, as the off-duty officer was still in the building, in the very near vicinity of the lavatory. The off-duty officer returned to the restroom area and shared the information with our security officers. The parent cooperated with our security team, as well as with the SCPD when they arrived on the scene for their investigation of the security situation.

Thankfully the matter was resolved quickly by the SCPD and without any further impact to our school safety and security. I felt it important to share these details with the community as soon as possible.

In closing, I wish to thank the members of our custodial staff, security team and administration for their quick action and attention to this important matter. Most importantly I would like to recognize the SCPD for their swift attention to this safety situation and their ongoing partnership with our school community.