

## **Urbana School District 116**

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### **Urbana School District High School and Middle School Under Heightened Security *Phone Call Leads to Extra Precautions***

Urbana High School and Middle School are taking extra precautions today after an overnight phone call. At 8:42 p.m., September 12, a caller left a phone message at Urbana High School stating that there are "guns and stuff" in schools. The caller said the warning was for Urbana High School, Urbana Middle School, and "all the other schools around here." High School Staff heard the message this morning and took extra security measures along with Urbana Middle School.

Students are passing between classes as usual today; however there will be no hall passes issued during a class period. High School and Middle School staffs are being asked to be vigilant for any suspicious activity. Other Urbana School District buildings have also been notified and are aware of the situation.

"We are working with Urbana Police and Champaign Telephone Company to try and find the source of the phone call. We have the ability to trace phone calls and we are collaborating with authorities in this investigation," says District 116 Superintendent Preston Williams.

Williams says Urbana High School and Middle School plan to return to normal security measures tomorrow, September 14.

For more information, please contact Preston Williams or Mark Schultz at 384-3600.

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