

Thomas B. Hood
Mayor



Brian M. Smith
Chief of Police

100 North O'Plaine Road
Gurnee, Illinois 60031-2630
www.gurnee.il.us

Administration 847.599.7050
Communications 847.599.7000

MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: 12/14/2022

RELEASE NUMBER: 2022

CONTACT: Public Information Officer Shawn Gaylor

E-MAIL: sgaylor@police.gurnee.il.us

PHONE: 847.599.7124

Gurnee – On December 8, 2022, the School Resource Officer for River Trail School was made aware of a verbal threat made by a student; the Gurnee Police Department immediately began investigating the incident in coordination with school administrators. The student was removed from the school Thursday and remains out of school pending further investigation.

At this time, we can confirm no weapon was found inside the school, and the student does not have access to a weapon. Several rumors have circulated regarding the student creating a list of targeted classmates. Our investigation has revealed no evidence that a written list of classmates exists. The safety of our students and the community is of extreme importance, and we are continuing to investigate this incident. The Gurnee Police Department and school district are working together to provide accurate information as quickly as possible in accordance with juvenile laws and the privacy of all involved. This event poses no threat to our students, school staff, and the community.