



Boston City Council

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Councilor At-Large

**COMMUNICATION FROM COUNCILOR MURPHY REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE
BRIEFING ON RECENT SCHOOL SAFETY INCIDENTS**

Dear Commissioner Cox and Superintendent Skipper,

I am writing to formally request an immediate briefing regarding several serious incidents involving juveniles and weapons that have occurred within a short timeframe in Boston.

These incidents include the arrest of a 15-year-old in Dorchester in possession of a loaded firearm with a defaced serial number in the vicinity of Murphy School at dismissal, a stabbing at Boston International High School, and a firearm recovered at Roxbury Prep.

While each matter may have distinct circumstances, the frequency of these incidents has raised understandable concerns among families, educators, and the broader community. Ensuring the safety of students and school staff requires clear coordination, timely communication, and proactive prevention strategies.

I respectfully request a briefing that addresses current threat assessments for the impacted schools, coordination between the Youth Violence Strike Force, district officers, and Boston Public Schools, protocols for intelligence sharing when potential school-based concerns are identified, communication standards with school leadership and families, and the prevention and intervention strategies currently being deployed.

My goal is to ensure alignment, transparency, and a comprehensive response that protects our young people and strengthens public confidence. I look forward to working collaboratively with the Administration, Boston Police Department, and Boston Public Schools to support safe learning environments across our city.

Please advise on availability for a briefing as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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Chair of Human Services