



McKenzie County Public School District No. 1

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Dear Families,

On Thursday, January 18th, 2024, a student at Watford City High School was found to be in possession of pills that tested positive for fentanyl. Local law enforcement is involved and is actively investigating the situation.

This is the first time that we have found drugs other than marijuana in our school building. There has been a lot of media coverage recently of fentanyl and unfortunately it has arrived in our community. We want to make sure you are aware and that you have information on how to speak to your child about this issue. In addition to this letter, we will be sending out information from the DEA for parents regarding fentanyl.

Watford City High School is planning assemblies with local and national speakers to educate students on the dangers of fentanyl. We are working to get these set up and scheduled as soon as possible. Parents can also expect an increase in random searches to help ensure our school is drug free. We would also like to remind parents that students are not allowed to possess medication of any kind per state law and board policy. This includes cough drops, ibuprofen, etc. If these items are found on a student, they will be confiscated and tested. All medications, including over the counter, must be kept in the office in the original package/bottle with a medication administration form. Please talk to the building secretaries for more information on keeping medication at school.

In closing, this is a very serious issue, and we all have a part to play. Watford City High School and McKenzie County Public Schools is exploring all options to address this with our students. We respectfully ask that all parents, guardians and caregivers speak to their student and ensure they understand the dangers of consuming an unknown substance. Search your students' backpacks, rooms, and cars looking for anything suspicious. Do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,