



*"The Tri-Creek School Corporation and Community ...  
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April 17, 2019

Dear Parents,

The safety of our students and staff is our first priority in the Tri-Creek School Corporation. Though our students were never in danger, I want to make you aware of a situation that occurred at approximately 12:00 p.m. today.

We received information that a subject was across the street from the high school on the southwest corner of Route 2 and Holtz Road who was displaying signs that stated, "White Power". He was also shouting, "White Power".

The Lowell Police Department was contacted by an unknown party, causing officers to be dispatched to the area and to speak with the subject. After speaking to the subject, it was determined that he was on public property and exercising his 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment rights.

Due to the sensitivity of the situation, and not knowing what reaction to the sign and shouts of white power may occur from the public, the high school was placed on a lockout as a precautionary measure. Lockout is the protocol where all external doors are double-checked to ensure they are locked and secured. No one is allowed in or out of the school unless permission is granted by an administrator. Inside the school, we continued business as usual with no interruption to the students' learning.

Lowell Police, as well as our School Resource Officer and the Director of Safety and Security closely, monitored the situation. At approximately 1:00 pm, we were advised by the Lowell Police Department that the subject left the area. The lockout continued until approximately 1:30 p.m. to make sure the subject remained out of the area. None of our other schools were affected by the lockout at the high school.

We are grateful for the support from the Lowell Police Department and value our partnership in keeping staff and students safe.

Sincerely,

Carl Porter  
Director of Safety and Security