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To all Rock Ridge parents and staff,

Yesterday, a North Star elementary student made a very poor decision and made inappropriate comments regarding a .22 gun and bringing it to school. The student was quickly identified and removed from the building. There is no threat or danger to anyone in the building. Nor do I believe there was ever any intent behind the inappropriate statements.

I am sending this message to all members of the Rock Ridge Community, so you are aware of what happened.

This is a good reminder for all parents to be talking to their children about the importance of using good judgment and never making inappropriate comments or sending inappropriate messages via social media or any other method of communication. It is also a good reminder to all students that they should always be thinking about the consequences of their actions, and their focus should be on working hard on their studies and striving to be excellent students – academically, behaviorally, and socially because this is how we expect our students to perform.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DR. NOEL SCHMIDT".

Dr. Noel Schmidt
Superintendent

