



**HOPATCONG BOROUGH SCHOOLS**  
**Superintendent's Office**

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January 22, 2025

Dear Hopatcong High School Community,

We are writing to address a situation that has come to our attention and to provide clarity regarding a video that is currently circulating on social media. The video appears to show a bag of drugs on the floor of one of our high school restrooms. Understandably, this has raised concerns among school community members.

After being made aware of the video, we immediately launched an investigation in collaboration with local law enforcement. This investigation determined that the item depicted in the video is not what it appears to be. In fact, the item is a highly realistic sticker designed to look like a bag of drugs. This sticker was intentionally left in the restroom as a hoax, and poses no danger.

We want to assure our community that there is no threat to the health and safety of our students, staff, or visitors. We take all matters related to school safety very seriously, and we are committed to maintaining a safe environment for everyone.

This incident serves as a reminder of the importance of thoughtful and responsible use of social media. Misinformation can spread quickly, causing unnecessary concern and distraction. We encourage parents and guardians to discuss with their children the impact that sharing unverified information can have on our community.

As always, we remain dedicated to fostering open communication. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school administration.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Photos of the sticker in question are attached for reference and transparency.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Hallenbeck  
Superintendent of Schools

Matthew Robinson  
Assistant Superintendent

