



## BRADLEY-BOURBONNAIS COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

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Home of the Boilermakers

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Dear BBCHS Families and Students,

Another TikTok challenge has been surfacing around the nation involving Orbeez beads and airsoft guns. Orbeez is a specific brand of water beads that are similar in size and shape to airsoft BBs. They are not meant to be harmful; however, young people around the country including Kankakee County have engaged in dangerous behavior by shooting Orbeez using an airsoft gun. This activity has targeted friends as well as random people leading to serious harm to those being shot.

Although we have yet to experience any of this activity in our building, we are sending this message to our school community to make everyone aware that this challenge will not be tolerated at BBCHS. This letter is simply to be preemptive with communication to families and students in order to share our expectations. Consequences will be followed accordingly for students who bring a weapon of any kind on school property - consequences at school as well as criminal charges.

Please review the language from our student handbook below:

“The Board may expel a student for up to 2 calendar years as determined on a case-by-case basis. A student who is determined to have brought a weapon to school, any school-sponsored activity or event, or any activity or event which bears a reasonable relationship to school shall be expelled for a period of not less than one year. For purposes of this section, the term “weapon” means possession, use, control or transfer of any object which may cause bodily harm, including but not limited to a weapon as defined under applicable legal codes, knives, guns, firearms, rifles, shotguns, brass knuckles, billy clubs or “look-a-likes” thereof. Such items as baseball bats, pipes, bottles, locks, sticks, pencils and pens may be considered weapons if used or attempted to be used to cause bodily harm.”

Please partner with us in keeping our school system a happy and safe atmosphere for all students and staff. Thank you for your continued support!

Dr. Brian Wright  
Principal