

Dear Ypsilanti Community Schools' Families, Students, and Staff,

We want to share details about an unfortunate incident that occurred at last night's boys' JV basketball game at Ypsilanti Community High School.

During a Junior Varsity boys' basketball game Tuesday evening at approximately 6:45 pm, two unknown spectators entered the basketball court in an attempt to assault a YCS JV Basketball player. Ypsilanti Community Schools District and School Administrators, coaches, and staff acted quickly to remove the spectators from the game and clear the players from the gym. The Washtenaw County Sheriff arrived quickly to support the administration's efforts. No additional incidents were reported and no arrests were made.

Subsequently, the decision was made by the Ypsilanti Community Schools administration to cancel the remainder of the Junior Varsity game, while our coaches worked with the athletes who had been impacted by the poor judgment of the spectators.

Ypsilanti Community Schools supports a safe environment for all, including our competitors. "In Ypsilanti Community Schools, we continuously work to create safe environments for our students, our families, and our visitors. We are proud of our Ypsilanti Community Schools District and School Administrators, coaches, and staff for their diligence in creating a safe community for us all," stated Dr. Carlos Lopez, Assistant Superintendent of Ypsilanti Community Schools. Despite a charged atmosphere that included the ejections of two spectators, students and fans followed instructions avoiding additional interactions. Ypsilanti Community Schools' District and School Administrators, along with the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department were able to quickly control the incident.

While this is certainly not how we wanted this game to play out, we are thankful that the situation was de-escalated and everyone was safe. If you have concerns or additional questions, please know that we are here to help.

Sincerely,

Dr. Carlos Lopez  
Assistant Superintendent  
Ypsilanti Community Schools