



WEST CARROLL C.U.S.D. #314
Mr. Adam Brumbaugh, Superintendent



For Immediate Release:

From: Mr. Adam Brumbaugh, Superintendent, West Carroll CUSD 314

Date: October, 7, 2016

Re: West Carroll Middle School Field Trip to Thomson, IL

Yesterday afternoon, while on an annual field trip to Thomson, IL, some of our seventh grade students and accompanying staff members were exposed to residual effects from fumes released by a CS Gas munitions round that was deployed at the nearby Administrative United States Penitentiary (AUSP) Thomson at 2:00 p.m. West Carroll was initially unaware of the exposure. The side effects of the exposure were not immediately known, with only a few students showing symptoms.

Within a short period of time, multiple students began expressing discomfort. Emergency crews were notified to give those students immediate care. AUSP Thomson officials made contact with West Carroll, notifying them of the exposure and proper treatment.

Students and staff who were assessed at West Carroll Middle School and determined to need additional treatment were transported to local hospitals for further observation and evaluation.

West Carroll acknowledges the extreme circumstances that were necessary to create this situation, and thank AUSP Thomson for their quick response and ownership.

West Carroll would also like to thank the WCMS staff, the local emergency crews, and the local police departments who helped make sure our students were quickly assessed and treated.

West Carroll is working with various local support services to provide follow up information and resources to those families affected.