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<u>FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE</u>

SUBJECT: NPD Respond to Large Fight at Newark High School

Newark Police are currently investigating a large fight which occurred this morning at Newark High School.

The incident began at approximately 7:00am when school staff broke up a fight in the A Cafeteria. NPD Officers responded and while on scene investigating that incident a large fight broke out in the C and D hallways of the school. The officers responded to that location and found a large crowd and multiple fights occurring. Officers immediately called for assistance and additional NPD officers responded to assist along with officers from New Castle County Police and the Delaware State Police.

Officers and school staff were able to break up the fights and disperse the crowds. Approximately 12 to 15 students have been taken into custody and will be released to their parents pending further investigation and charges.

There were no injuries during the incident and the school day has resumed normally. NPD officers remain at the school as a precautionary measure.

The Newark Police Department affirms that all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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