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The Revere Teachers Association releases the following statement in response to the discovery of fentanyl in a Revere High School classroom:

“The discovery this week of a dangerous narcotic – fentanyl – in a high-school classroom must serve as a wake-up call to our entire school community, and community at large.

The members of the Revere Teachers Association have for months been voicing concerns about the safety in Revere Public Schools and the overall culture and climate in our schools.

The RTA is demanding that this troubling discovery of a deadly drug in our high school serve as the moment to begin a thorough, ongoing and transparent process to address school safety. The RTA is urging school administrators, educators, parents and caregivers to come together and establish both goals and strategies to ensure our students and staff are learning and working in safe, supportive environments.

The impact of the pandemic on our students and their families cannot be underestimated. If we do not address the social and emotional needs of our students, we will not be as successful in meeting their academic needs. Now is the time to put in place the necessary programs and staffing—teachers, paraeducators, counselors, librarians, nurses and support staff — to have schools where students and educators alike feel safe and supported and capable of doing their best work.”