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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Staff,

We are writing to inform you of a new legal requirement for **ALL** Pennsylvania schools.

Starting **January 5, 2026**, Act 44 of 2026 will take effect. This law requires that staff and parents/guardians of students in a particular school building are notified when staff respond to an incident involving a weapon on school property.

To comply with state and federal laws (including FERPA), these notifications will be **brief and limited in detail**. We are legally prohibited from sharing personally identifiable information or specific details about the individuals involved.

Our district's priority has always been the safety of our students and staff. Over the past four years, we have taken proactive measures including increasing our police and security throughout the district, adding weapon detection systems, utilizing Safe2Say and maintaining positive relationships with students, staff and parents to ensure "community policing" where everyone in our community is responsible for the safety of each other.

If a weapon is found on district property, police, state police and administration immediately respond to isolate the situation to ensure safety for all other students and staff. If a student brings a weapon on school grounds, they will be prosecuted to the greatest extent of the law and these individuals **will** face expulsion. Parents, guardians and staff of the building where the incident took place, will be notified *after* the security threat is neutralized, investigation has been conducted, and disciplinary consequences have been issued.

We appreciate your partnership in keeping our schools safe. Please remember that safety is an expectation of our entire community. Contact a school administrator or a police/security officer immediately or call 911 if you or your child/children have safety concerns. You can also report the concern or incident through Safe2Say.

Thank you for your ongoing support in keeping our learning environment safe and secure.

Sincerely,

James R. Konrad, Ed.D, MBA
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