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RE: Policy 1400
Procedure 1400R Motorized Vehicles and Transportation Devices on District Property-
Start Date November 1, 2026

To the staff, students, family and community of the Smyrna School District:

One of the things that makes Smyrna School District special is the way our community comes together for our children. Whether we are dropping students off in the morning, cheering from the stands, or gathering for school events, our campuses are shared spaces where so many important moments happen. With that comes a responsibility to look out for one another and make decisions that help keep everyone safe.

I want to share some information about a new policy and an accompanying procedure for motorized vehicles and transportation devices on district property, including why we have established these expectations. We recognize that some individuals use our campuses to ride motorized transportation devices (please see the policy for a defining list) because they feel safer here than on public streets. We understand that concern and appreciate the desire to avoid traffic. However, our campuses present their own risks. Students are walking between buildings, families are attending events, and new drivers are navigating our parking lots and roadways. What may feel safer for a rider can create a precarious situation for others, particularly young drivers and visitors of any age who may not anticipate an approaching device.

Our decision to establish clear expectations was not made lightly. We have had accidents on campus that have resulted in injuries. We cannot wait for another accident to happen before taking steps to reduce the risk.

Under the new policy and procedure, motorized transportation devices may not be operated on district property, including roadways, parking lots, sidewalks, athletic fields, and playgrounds. Individuals arriving on a device that can safely be walked must dismount before entering district property, walk the device, and secure it in a location approved by school administration. Devices that cannot reasonably and safely be walked or stored may not be brought onto district property without specific authorization. Exceptions include approved mobility devices, emergency vehicles, authorized district or maintenance vehicles, and certain approved school activities and uses. These expectations apply to students, staff, families, visitors, spectators, and other members of the public.

You will begin to see signs on our campuses communicating these expectations. The policy/procedure will officially go into effect on November 1, 2026. We understand this may be inconvenient for some, and we appreciate your patience and cooperation as we put these measures in place. This is not about creating barriers for our community. It is about recognizing that our campuses are busy places, that we share these spaces, and that we must consider the safety of everyone who uses them.

Thank you for helping us protect the people and places that make Smyrna School District such a special community. We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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