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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The safety and well-being of our students and staff remain a top priority for our school division. As part of our ongoing commitment to maintaining safe learning environments, we are writing to inform you that our schools will begin using hand-held metal detection wands as an additional safety measure.

These devices will be used by trained school personnel or security staff to help detect prohibited objects on school property. Their use is intended to be preventative and supportive, and not punitive. Screenings may occur as needed, including during school hours or at school events, and will be conducted in a respectful and age-appropriate manner.

The introduction of hand-held metal detectors is one part of a broader approach to school safety that also includes positive student relationships, clear behavioral expectations, and collaboration with families and community partners. Our goal is to ensure that all students can learn and thrive in an environment that is safe, welcoming, and secure.

We appreciate your partnership and understanding as we take these proactive steps to enhance school safety.

Respectfully,

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