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Subject: Student Safety Notification Update

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to share information about **Act 44 of 2025**, a new Pennsylvania law that affects how school districts communicate with families when incidents involving weapons occur at school or school-related activities.

Under Act 44, school districts are required to notify parents/guardians and staff **within 24 hours** of any incident involving the possession of a weapon on school property, during school-sponsored activities, or on school transportation. This notification is required even when a threat assessment determines there is no active or ongoing threat to students or staff.

As a school district in a rural community, we recognize that many of our students hunt, work outdoors, or participate in agricultural and outdoor activities. It is not uncommon for a student to forget that a small pocket knife or similar item was left in a coat or backpack after an event such as the County Fair or another activity. While these situations are often unintentional, they can still trigger required safety procedures and notifications under state law.

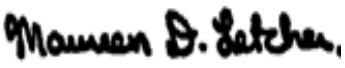
We ask that parents and guardians periodically check their child's backpacks, coats and personal items to help ensure that nothing is accidentally brought to school. Taking a few moments to do this may prevent unnecessary stress or anxiety for students and families and help avoid unnecessary concern within our school community.

When a notification is required, the district will communicate using our call notification system (phone call and/or email). We remain committed to being transparent about safety matters, while also protecting the privacy rights of individual students, as required by state and federal law.

Safety is a shared responsibility and we sincerely thank our parents and students for their continued support and their strong emphasis on keeping our schools safe. If you or your child ever have a safety concern, please contact me or any of our building principals directly. We also encourage everyone to remember that **Safe2Say Something** is always available as a confidential reporting option using the 24-Hour Toll-Free Hotline: **1-844-SAF2SAY (1-844-723-2729).**

Thank you for your partnership and commitment to safety.

Sincerely,



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