GALENA PARK

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The number one priority for Galena Park I.S.D. is the safety and security of our students and staff. We take the responsibility of providing safe learning environments very seriously. After reviewing our current safety plans and Senate Bill 11, which recently passed the Texas Legislature, we will be implementing a new safety measure in our schools for the 2019-2020 school year.

We will be conducting unannounced, random metal detector searches of students at our schools throughout the school year. This new safety measure is just one of the tools being instituted in a comprehensive plan to help keep our students and staff safe.

Should a student be in possession of a prohibited item, the item will be confiscated, the parent will be contacted, and the corresponding Code of Conduct disciplinary measures will be followed. If warranted, the campus law enforcement team will also be notified of the situation.

Please know we will continue to conduct state-mandated drills throughout the school year to ensure each student and staff member is safe and knows what to do in the event of an emergency.

We ask you to please talk to your child(ren) about school safety and have them <u>report</u> <u>anything that appears concerning or suspicious</u> to any adult on campus. It is also very important to remind your child(ren) not to open the exterior doors of the building for <u>anyone</u>.

Thank you for your support as we work together to provide a safe learning environment for our students and staff.

Sincerely,

Dr. Angi Williams

Superintendent of Schools

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