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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We all must cooperate to keep our schools weapon-free. Thus, we are asking for your cooperation in helping us to enforce our **Zero Tolerance Weapons policy**.

The administration retains final authority in determining what constitutes a weapon, especially when evaluating potential danger. Under no circumstances should a student bring to school a gun, knife, penknife, pepper spray, mace bottle/can openers, scissors, box cutters, razor blades, cutting instruments, nunchuck sticks, BB guns, metal pipes, acid, sharpened sticks, stun guns, ammunition, explosive devices, fireworks, pyrotechnics, slingshots, or any other instruments capable of inflicting serious injury. (Policy/Regulation #5611 - N.J.A.C. 6:28 and Safe Schools Initiative-Chapters 127 and 128 The Zero Tolerance for Guns Act).

WEAPON LOOK-ALIKES SUCH AS TOY GUNS, TOY KNIVES, ETC. ARE ALSO CONSIDERED WEAPONS UNDER THIS POLICY.

In the past several years, parents have sent knives in with children to peel or cut lunch fruits. Please do the cutting or peeling at home.

If your child brings a weapon or "look alike" weapon to school, he/she:

- Will be immediately suspended for up to ten school days.
- Will be reported (as per law) to the Bayonne Police Department and placed under arrest.
- May be required to appear before the Board of Education for a hearing.

It is important that you know and understand this policy and its penalties apply to all children in pre-school through grade 12. We hope that you will use your good judgment and not allow your children to bring to school anything that is inappropriate or unsafe which would cause a threat and instill fear in our students.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us enforce this very serious policy.

PLEASE DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT WITH YOUR CHILD AND ACKNOWLEDGE IN THE PARENT PORTAL NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023.

Sincerely,

John J. Niesz
Superintendent of Schools

Parent Certification: *Your acknowledgement via the Realtime Parent Portal certifies that you have read and understand the school's policy on weapons and dangerous instruments and have reviewed it with your child.*

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