



LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



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SUPERINTENDENT
MARTIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Parents,

The safety of our students and staff is the top priority of the Martin County School District. As a mother of two children myself, I understand the great amount of trust and responsibility you extend to us as you send your children to our schools each day. Ensuring the safety of our students and employees is our greatest responsibility, a charge that every employee of our school district takes very seriously. While we pledge to do everything we can to keep our students and staff members safe, there are a few things you can do at home with your family to help us ensure that our schools always remain safe environments for learning.

First, please take a moment to speak with your child about the serious consequences associated with making online threats of any nature. Legislation enacted after the tragedy in Parkland makes it a second degree felony for anyone to post or share shooting or terrorism threats online or on social media, even if the threat is intended to be a joke. Please encourage your children to always practice the rule of “See Something, Say Something.” If students see or hear any type of threat or suspicious activity, even if they believe it is a joke, they should always report it to a trusted adult on campus or to law enforcement.

In addition, please remind your children that some of the items they may have access to at home should never be brought to school. The District has a zero tolerance policy for weapons or accessories for weapons on school campuses. Students who bring these items to school will face serious disciplinary and potential legal consequences. Please remind your child that the only items they should be bringing to school are items necessary for learning.

We appreciate your commitment to your child’s education and to school safety. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Laurie J. Gaylord
Superintendent