



A MESSAGE

FROM THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
PALM BEACH COUNTY

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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Dear parents and guardians,

Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with an important safety policy in our School District.

Florida law prohibits students from carrying weapons on school property. The state's definition of weapons includes, among other things, the following items:

- Tasers
- Firearms
- Knives
- Box cutters

The law requires that any student found in possession of a weapon, including a taser or electronic device, must be expelled for a period of one year. This is outlined in the Student Code of Conduct, state law, and School Board Policy 5.1814 "Zero Tolerance Policy." Any student who has a weapon may also face possible criminal charges, such as arrest.

Please note that despite Florida's new permitless carry law, guns remain prohibited for all visitors (except for law enforcement) on school property, including buildings and parking lots.

Parents, we all play a role in school safety, so please reinforce this message with your child at home. We continually encourage our students that if they "see something, say something." Speak with your child, check his or her backpack, and reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and secure learning environment for all.