

Dear Parents:

We all must cooperate to keep our schools safe and weapon-free. Thus we are asking for your cooperation in helping us enforce our strict weapons policy.

Under no circumstance should a student bring to school a knife, penknife, weapon, gun or imitation firearm, explosives or firecrackers, or other dangerous instrument, such as mace or pepper spray. Other items unsafe for children to bring to school because they could cause injury would include, but not be limited to: laser pointers, poppers, bottle/can openers, toy guns, scissors, or any items with sharp points. In the past several years, parents have sent knives with children to peel or cut lunch fruits. Please do the cutting or peeling at home. According to California Education Code 48915 and Board Policy, if your child brings a knife or any weapon to school, your child will be immediately suspended and may be required to attend an expulsion hearing before the District's Administration Hearing Panel.

It is important that you know and understand that this policy and its penalties apply to children in all grades, kindergarten through twelfth. We are asking that parents assist the schools in keeping all children safe by not allowing them to bring to school anything that is inappropriate or unsafe.

Please discuss this subject with your child, cut-off and return the bottom of this letter to the classroom teacher within one week of receipt of this notice. If you have any questions, please call the Principal or Assistant Principal.

Yours truly,

Principal

## Please Sign and Return Bottom Portion to School

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I certify that I have read and understand the school's Policy on Weapons and Dangerous Objects and have gone over it with my child.

Student's name (Please Print):\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: