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Dear Eastpointe Community Schools families,

This morning during student arrival at Eastpointe High School, staff members conducting searches found one of our EHS students in possession of a weapon. The weapon was immediately confiscated, and EHS was on a secure lockdown for less than 30 minutes while this took place.

We are incredibly grateful for the quick and professional response of our security staff, school resource officer, and EHS administration, as well as for the knowledge that our upgraded entry procedures are working as designed to keep prohibited items out of Eastpointe High School.

These entry procedures were implemented this year after parent and student surveys indicated a desire for stronger security processes. We heard this message loud and clear, and our EHS administration responded by moving the main entrance to the Couzens Avenue doors, implementing searches of students and their bags upon entry, and tightening sign-in procedures for late students and all visitors. We have also increased the number of security staff present at both EHS and EMS this year.

As a reminder, the <u>student code of conduct</u> prohibits the following items from being brought to school:

- All weapons, including firearms, knives, and look-alikes
- Tobacco, alcohol, and drug products, including vapes and edibles
- Fireworks, explosives, and other dangerous substances

We are on a campaign for excellence here in Eastpointe Community Schools, and that starts with having a safe learning environment for all students and staff. We will continue to work diligently to keep our schools safe, and we ask that families do their part to keep dangerous items out of the hands of students. Students and families are also encouraged to report any concerns or potential threats to the local police department or OK2SAY.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Yours in education, Christina A. Gibson Superintendent, Eastpointe Community Schools

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