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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am pleased to inform you of a significant security enhancement that will be implemented for the 2024-2025 school year at Fisher Middle School and Ewing High School. The Ewing Board of Education and Administration have taken your concerns seriously and are committed to advancing the safety and security of our schools.

Beginning this fall, we will be installing Weapon Detection Systems at both Fisher Middle School and Ewing High School. I am proud to share that this crucial upgrade is being funded almost entirely through a grant from the New Jersey Department of Education, ensuring no additional cost to our local taxpayers.

This new system, alongside other recent security measures like the addition of security officers, will provide an extra layer of protection for everyone in our school community. The Weapon Detection System is designed to identify composite metals, which are commonly used in weapons. However, we have been informed by the manufacturer that some harmless items, such as certain types of water bottles, may occasionally trigger false positives. As we roll out this new system, we anticipate a learning curve as we work to identify and minimize these false positives.

We understand that this new system may cause some delays during the morning arrival procedures, especially as we adjust to the new protocols at the beginning of the school year. We ask for your patience and understanding as we navigate these changes, knowing that they are in place to ensure the safety of your children and our staff members.

Our team is committed to training and planning in order to streamline the screening process as much as possible, but some delays are inevitable during this transition. I am confident that, with your support and cooperation, our students and staff will quickly adapt to the new procedures, allowing us to maintain an efficient and secure entry process.

We are also exploring the possibility of outfitting our elementary schools with similar detection equipment in a later phase, depending on available funding. Further details will be provided by the school leadership as the first day of school approaches.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's school.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to create the safest possible learning environment.

Sincerely,

Dr. David Gentile
Superintendent

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