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Subject: Safe Storage of Firearms, School Safety, and Security

Dear Families,

As your Principal, I want to reaffirm that the safety and well-being of our students is always my highest priority. Creating a secure and supportive school environment requires the commitment of staff, parents, students, and community members working together.

While overall school safety has improved in California, the rise in student stress levels and the continuing threat of school violence reminds us to stay vigilant. Research shows that in nearly 70 percent of school shootings, the firearm used was taken from home. This highlights the critical role families play in preventing tragedies.

California law makes it a crime to negligently store or leave a firearm where a child could access it. To support you in understanding these requirements, the California Department of Education has provided resources and sample templates (available in English and Spanish) that explain safe storage laws for parents and guardians. You can access them here: [CDE Violence Prevention Resources](#).

I urge every family in our school community to review these resources and take the necessary steps to ensure firearms are safely secured at home. When parents, guardians, and schools partner together, we can reduce risks, protect our children, and maintain a safe learning environment.

For more information on firearm safety, please also visit the California Department of Justice Firearm Safety page at <https://oag.ca.gov/firearms/tips>.

Thank you for your partnership in keeping our students and staff safe.

Sincerely,

Michelle Barnard
Principal