



# MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



June 21, 2018

Dear Parents & Guardians,

As promised in [a message I sent toward the end of the school year](#), our district safety and security committee has already begun meeting to plan for the 2018-2019 school year.

In an effort to improve the safety measures currently in place, one of the decisions that came out of our meetings is to require **all high school and middle school students to use clear backpacks** beginning in the fall. Band and athletic bags, as well as drill and cheer team bags, will still be permitted.

Additionally, the maximum purse size permitted in grades 6-12 will be **6" x 9."**

Elementary school students will be allowed to continue using traditional backpacks.

More details about these new policies can be found on a [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\) page on our district website](#).

We are living in a difficult time requiring difficult decisions from school districts. While these changes present an inconvenience to our students and parents, we must continue to be vigilant to protect the safety of our students and staff.

The safety and security committee will continue to meet throughout the summer. Further plans and decisions will be communicated to the community as soon as possible.

Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of schools