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Dear Parents and Caregivers:

Nothing is more important to me than the safety of all of our students, staff, and the Buffalo Public School community, as your Superintendent of Schools. I want you to know that we appreciate your concerns for the safety of our students and staff.

As a result of this, establishing expectations for student behavior extends beyond the physical boundaries of our schools and includes the time after school and on your children's daily trip to and from school. Please make every effort to ensure your children do not loiter and go straight home or to their afterschool activities and to know who your children are spending their time with. For our younger aged students, please speak to your children about bus safety expectations; sit in their seats, wear seat belts, no fighting or foul language and following the directions of their bus driver and aide, otherwise bus privileges may be removed.

I urge you to follow these simple steps to help your children return home safely:

- Monitor and review your children's online and social media posts.
- Check your children's backpack for dangerous or contraband items.
- Ensure all types of weapons—such as knives and guns—in your home are secured in a safe place and not accessible to your children.
- Watch for your children returning home with items—such as sneakers, designer clothing, or electronics—that you did not buy them.
- Seek help from your school's counselors and administrators if your children are talking about violence, are angry, or make a threat to harm themselves or others.

Once again, the responsibility of keeping your children and our staff safe is of the utmost importance to all of us, so thank you for your continued diligence and for helping to ensure all of our students have a learning environment that is free of disruption. Together, we can make sure that we are doing everything possible to keep our kids safe every day, both at school and on the way home.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your school's principal directly. Be well!!

Appreciatively,

Dr. Tonja M. Williams
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