



April 8, 2022

Dear Collegiate Academy families,

As we process our thoughts and feelings following the tragic shooting at Erie High School on April 5, our district continues to work closely with building administrators and the faculty to make important safety and security improvements to our buildings, including Collegiate Academy.

In addition to many planned improvements at Erie High School, the district will be installing standing, walk-through metal detectors at all of our secondary schools. We feel that this is an important addition to security measures already in place and a necessary step to ensure the safety of our entire Collegiate Academy community. The wellbeing of our staff and students always has been and continues to be our priority.

The metal detectors have been ordered but will not be in place by the end of Spring Break. However, *temporary* metal detectors will be installed and fully operational by the time students return to Collegiate on Tuesday, April 19. The temporary metal detectors will be replaced as soon as the ordered metal detectors arrive. Please note, only middle- and high-school students will be required to walk through the detectors. There will also be a heightened police presence at all schools when students return.

We know that that the trauma of April 5 is not confined to the walls of Erie High School; indeed, it has touched us all. If you or a loved one are in need of support during Spring Break, please contact one of the following agencies:

Safe Harbor

1330 W 26th St., Erie, PA 16508
(814) 459-9300
Open 24 hours

Crisis Services

2560 W 12th St., Erie, PA 16505
(814) 456-2014
Open 24 hours

If you or your child(ren) are in need of support following Spring Break, please contact Patti Palotas, our mental health specialist, at ppalotas@eriesd.org. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at (814) 874-6300.

Sincerely,

James Vieira, Dean
Dana Gilmore, Dean, Visual and Performing Arts Academy