



April 14, 2022

Dear East Middle School families,

We are looking forward to welcoming our students back to school on Tuesday, April 19.

As we continue our efforts to improve safety and security in all of our buildings, we want to remind you that all students will now be required to walk through metal detectors upon entry to East Middle School. The safety and security of our entire East community has always been and continues to be our priority, and we believe the installation of metal detectors adds an important layer of security to existing safety measures already in place.

The screening process will be conducted by school staff, behavioral specialists and district police officers at all open entrances throughout the day. Members of the Erie Education Association will also be on hand to support students and guide them through the process.

Students who refuse to be screened will be referred to an administrator.

Before walking through the metal detectors, students will need to empty their pockets and place all personal items into trays. Please be aware that items such as large belt buckles, electronic devices and all other items containing non-precious metal will activate the metal detectors. Jewelry does not need to be removed.

All bags and purses will be placed on tables and searched.

If a prohibited item is found during the screening process, the student will be referred to an administrator.

Students and visitors arriving after the designated morning arrival time will be subjected to the same procedures as described above.

Please understand that there may be delays in entry into the building as we begin this process. Thank you in advance for your patience. You can help us by ensuring your child's bags contain essential school materials only.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at jwilliams@eriesd.org or (814) 874-6400.

Sincerely,

Jesse Williams
Principal