



April 8, 2022

Dear Strong Vincent Middle School family,

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 schools, including Strong Vincent.

In addition to many planned improvements at Erie High School, the district will be installing standing, walk-through metal detectors in all of our middle schools, including Strong Vincent. We feel this is an important addition to security measures already in place and a necessary step to ensure the safety of our entire Strong Vincent 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 Strong Vincent on Tuesday, April 19. The temporary metal detectors will be replaced as soon as the ordered metal detectors arrive. There will also be a heightened police presence at all schools when students return.

In order to make this process flow smoothly, we've made some slight adjustments to our arrival procedures:

*Sixth grade students will enter the building using the main lobby doors and may need to wait in the auditorium prior to homeroom.

*Seventh graders will enter using the NORTH Washington Street side doors and may need to wait in the boys' gym prior to homeroom.

*Eighth graders and students in the honors pod will enter using the NORTH Weschler Street side doors and may need to wait in the girls' gym prior to homeroom.

*Student who arrive to school after 8:40 am will need to use the main lobby doors.

We know 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
2560 W 12th St., Erie, PA 16505
(814) 459-9300
Open 24 hours

Crisis Services
1330 W 26th St., Erie, PA 16508
(814) 456-2014
Open 24 hours

If you are in need of support following Spring Break, please contact Carrie Miller, our mental health specialist, at cmiller@eriesd.org.

Thank you for your ongoing support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at agloystein@eriesd.org or (814) 874-6500.

Sincerely,

Andrea Gloystein, Principal