



# BUFFALO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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**Superintendent of Schools**

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As your School Superintendent there is nothing, I take more seriously than the safety of your children, our staff, and the Buffalo Public School community. We want you to know that we have heard your heartfelt concerns about student safety.

That is why setting expectations for our student's behavior goes beyond the bricks and mortar that make up our schools, it includes after school, as your children make their way home each day. As a parent or caregiver, you play a very important role in making sure your children get home safely.

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.

Again, the responsibility of keeping your children and our staff safe is a top priority for 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 taking every measure to keep our children safe both in school and during travel home from school each day.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your school principal directly.

Appreciatively,

Dr. Tonja M. Williams  
Superintendent of Schools