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Dear Fannin Family,

We are committed to safety as our top priority by creating a safe and supportive learning environment where every student can thrive. We understand that a truly secure school community is built on multiple layers of protection that work together seamlessly to ensure peace of mind for everyone.

That's why we're confident and excited to announce the implementation of two significant new safety enhancements: the Evolv Express® weapons detection system and CheckMate Pro. The Evolv Express® weapons detection system uses advanced sensor technology and Artificial Intelligence to discreetly detect concealed weapons. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has even recognized this system with a SAFETY Act Designation as a Qualified Anti-Terrorism Technology. This means it's a proven solution that will help us maintain a secure campus.

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Our second addition, CheckMate Pro, is designed to streamline visitor management and enhance security at our entrances. This system lets us quickly conduct Georgia Sex Offender Registry checks using driver's license scans and webcam functionality; it will also print visitor name badges. The "Who is in the Building?" report gives our administrators an instant overview of everyone on campus, ensuring we always know who is present.

The rollout of these new systems will be tailored to each school, depending on installation and training needs, and we'll keep you informed as we progress.

These additions will strengthen our existing safety measures, including, but not limited to the following.

- Our dedicated team of seven School Resource Officers now includes an additional officer to enhance our campus presence and support further.
- SALTO electronic locks allow us to secure our facilities immediately from a single control point.
- Audio Enhancement solutions, including the SAFE (Signal Alert for Education) System™, facilitate quick and effective communication during urgent situations.

We firmly believe that strong relationships and shared knowledge are at the heart of a safe community. We continue to encourage everyone that if you "see something, say something"—your vigilance and partnership are invaluable. Please know that these efforts are not meant to inconvenience anyone; instead, they are designed to provide even greater support and protection for our students, faculty, and staff.

Our comprehensive approach to school safety creates a framework of overlapping layers, each working together to provide peace of mind and protection, ensuring our community remains a secure place to learn and grow.

We are committed to caring for our students and providing them with the best possible environment to learn, develop, and succeed.

We are Fannin,



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