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Subject: Safety Information Required by Michigan Law

Dear parents, guardians, and caregivers,

As part of our commitment to safety, and as required by state law, we are sharing information regarding Michigan's *Safe Storage Laws*. Taking simple steps to store firearms safely helps keep everyone safe and reduces firearm-related injuries.

Michigan law requires that where minors may be present, firearms must be stored in a locked box or container, and/or unloaded and secured with a locking device. Failing to follow the law may result in criminal charges and penalties if a minor gains access to a firearm.

We encourage all families to review the following to learn more about the importance of safe storage, where to obtain storage devices, requirements under the law, and more:

- What is the Secure Storage Law in Michigan? overview of the law and FAQs
- Safe Storage Notice information about best practices for safely storing firearms
- A Parent's Guide to Home Firearm Safety includes safe storage options and information
- <u>Michigan Department of Education's Safe Storage Law webpage</u> additional resources and information

You can also find these links on the <u>Safety and Security</u> page of the Kent ISD website.

Thank you for your continued partnership in keeping our students and community safe.

Sincerely,

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