



Pocono Mountain School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Pocono Mountain School District junior high and high schools will begin random metal detector screenings of students next week.

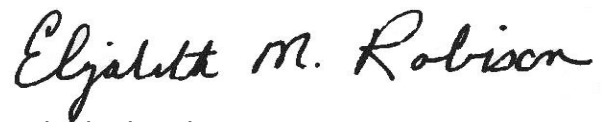
Pocono Mountain School District Board Policy, #709.1 – Use of Metal Detectors at School Facilities outlines our District policy on the use of metal detectors to keep our students, staff and schools safe. The metal detectors we have are portable, so we have the ability to move the machines if we have a concern at one specific school. We also have the ability to expand the grades and schools using metal detectors as needed.

I ask that you please prepare your children that they will be participating in metal detector screenings at school. Please remind your children of the items that are prohibited in our schools and ensure they do not bring prohibited items to school. Those items include, but are not limited, to the following:

- Any weapon – including any knife, cutting instrument, cutting tool, nunchaku, firearm, shotgun, rifle, and any other tool
- Instrument or implement capable of inflicting serious bodily injury, including but not limited to, sparklers, fireworks, smoke or stink bombs, explosives, live ammunition, chains, including wallet chains, and bracelets,
- Devices which are potential items of violence, certain rings, pipes or tubes, look-alike firearms and weapons (toy guns, knives), and any item which could or would be a threat to the students, himself/herself or the school community.
- Anything dangerous, disruptive, or distracting is not allowed in school, to include any type of inhalant, such as non-edible, paint, markers, gasoline, mouthwashes and/or breath fresheners with alcohol content.
- Matches, lighters, electronic cigarettes/cigars, hazardous chemicals, balloons, laser pointers,
- Tobacco products of any kind
- Illegal drugs/substances
- Controlled substances
- Prescription drugs
- Alcoholic beverages

Thank you for your continued support as we all work together to keep our students, staff and school safe for the 2021-22 school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth M. Robison". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Elizabeth Robison
Superintendent of Schools