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Dear Parents & Guardians:

As we look to welcome students to North Middle School for the 2022-2023 school year, the safety of all of our students and staff remains our number one priority. Accordingly, NMS and SMS will be implementing a new student identification system to add another level of security to our buildings. This new system has been implemented in both of our district's high schools, and we believe it is a necessary measure to protect our students and staff and maintain a safe learning environment.

As part of the district's increased security protocols, <u>all students will be issued a student identification card and an accompanying lanyard</u>. It is expected that these ID cards are worn and visible by all students during school hours. The utilization of the ID cards will assist in the tracking of students and assuring those entering the building are authorized to do so. Upon entering the building during the school day, students will scan their cards through kiosks located in the main lobby and Polo Road entrances.. Students refusing or failing to adhere to this policy will be subject to disciplinary action.

Students will need their cards not only to enter the building, but to utilize cafeteria, library, and printing services. If students lose or misplace their student ID, it will need to be replaced and will incur a \$5.00 charge.

We understand that changes, particularly ones focused on school safety can be stress inducing for students. So, although students will receive these cards on the first day of school, we will not begin "swiping in" until later in September..

We are committed to providing a safe, welcoming, and secure environment in which our students can thrive, and this measure is important in furthering our collective goal.

As always, we appreciate and thank you for your support, and we welcome you to the 2022-2023 school year.

Stay safe,

Gerald Cozine Principal