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Mission: Each student is highly educated, prepared for leadership and service, and empowered for success as a citizen in a global community.

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Dear Woodward Park Families:

Our top priority is maintaining a safe school environment here at Woodward Park Middle School —where everyone feels welcome, engaged, and unafraid.

On August 30, 2024, parents received notification of new middle school screening procedures for the 2024-2025 school year. The Office of Safety and Security will begin implementing random entrance procedures for all students entering their middle school building. Each week, a middle school will be randomly selected to follow the entrance screening process on a specific day. Today's screening day was a great success. Our young scholars were highly cooperative, and we are pleased to report that no weapons were found.

The screenings are part of an effort to keep our campus safe. These are administrative screenings—not searches conducted by law enforcement. The purpose of these screenings is threefold:

1. Detect weapons
2. Deter the act of bringing weapons onto school campuses
3. Reduce the potential for violent incidents

A reminder that weapons are prohibited in all Columbus City Schools buildings. Columbus City Schools has a Zero Tolerance policy on possession of any kind of object that can be deemed a weapon or something potentially dangerous to others in our school environment.

I appreciate your partnership in keeping our campus safe and secure and focused on learning.

Respectfully,

Paul J. Bailey
Principal