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Dear Parents and Guardians,

In an effort to provide the safest environment for our students and staff, Tamaqua Area Secondary Campus will implement new safety procedures starting on Tuesday, November 27, 2018. Students will only enter through two designated entry points. Students may enter the building beginning at 7:00 AM. Bus drop-offs will enter through the back lobby and all other students will enter through the front lobby.

The new procedures will incorporate the use of metal detectors as students enter the building as another measure to enhance school safety. It is important to notify the school community of the procedures incorporated with using metal detectors:

- Students will be randomly selected and asked to empty their pockets.
- Students will then place their clear bag on a table prior to entering the metal detector.
- All bags will be searched.
- Students will then proceed to walk through the metal detector.
- If the alarm is triggered, students will then be further searched through a metal detecting wand.
- The above procedures are to be followed to ensure access to the building.

In order to make this transition as seamless as possible, we encourage parents and guardians to review the district's clear bag policy. Any student who enters without a clear bag is also subject to search and disciplinary action.

Once again, we would like to thank you for your cooperation in this matter. We feel that these new procedures will enhance safety and security measures. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact either main office.

Respectfully,

Tamaqua Area Administration