



South El Monte High School
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June 1, 2023,

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

Subject: Comprehensive Campus Supervision Enhancements for Enhanced Student Safety

I hope this letter finds you well, and I would like to express my gratitude for your ongoing support and involvement in our school community. This letter is in support and a follow-up to our parent/guardian meetings held in March 2023, where we heard your concerns about student/school safety. As the principal of South El Monte High School, I am writing to provide you with important updates regarding our continued efforts to strengthen student safety through comprehensive campus supervision.

Recognizing the significance of maintaining a secure and nurturing learning environment, I am thrilled to share the initiatives we are implementing for the 2023-2024 school year.

Increase Allocation of Three Full-Time Campus Supervisors:

To ensure adequate coverage throughout the day and enhance after-school supervision, we are allocating **three** full-time campus supervisors. These dedicated staff members will play a pivotal role in maintaining student safety before, during, and after-school hours.

Installation of Vaping Sensors in Student Restrooms:

To promote healthy lifelong choices with our students, we will be installing state-of-the-art vaping sensors in student restrooms.

Utilization of Campus Security Cameras for Surveillance:

Increased campus supervisors on campus will allow us to actively monitor security cameras throughout the school day.

Designation of Off-Limits Areas for Student Congregation:

To ensure order and safety, we have designated specific areas on campus where student congregations will be strictly prohibited during nutrition, lunch, and after-school hours. This measure will enable us to provide adequate supervision and minimize potential risks.

Improved Outside Visitors Check-In Process:

We have implemented an improved check-in process for outside visitors to further enhance campus security. This streamlined procedure will enable us to regulate access more effectively, record visitors' purpose of visits, and ensure the safety of our students and staff.

Enhanced Assignment Schedule for School Personnel:

To increase supervision and ensure student safety, we have adjusted our supervision assignments for all school personnel. This will maintain consistency and support a secure environment throughout the school day.

In addition to these initiatives, we are pleased to inform you that we continue to partner with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to provide a full-time Resource Deputy to our campus. Deputy Mariana Reyes will continue to foster and promote positive student behavior. She will assist in communicating with emergency response units as needed, further strengthening our emergency preparedness and response capabilities.

Furthermore, we have a full-time Wellness Center Coordinator to provide social and emotional support to students in need. Mrs. Esmeralda Salcedo, our Wellness Coordinator, will also assist in facilitating referrals to outside mental health agencies when necessary, ensuring that our students receive holistic support.

However, we must also emphasize the importance of your role as parents and guardians in reinforcing the significance of following school rules and making responsible decisions. An increase in supervision will inadvertently lead to instances where students violate school rules, Board Policies, or Education Codes. We kindly request your collaboration in communicating these expectations with your children.

To facilitate a clear understanding of expectations, we have provided examples of suspendable activities, which you can find here: [\[Insert link to the document or resource\]](#).

We invite parents and community members to actively participate in our newly established "Parent Volunteer Program" for the upcoming school year. This program will assist with monitoring students during school activities and will significantly strengthen our supervision capabilities. To support SEMHS efforts to create a stronger sense of community, please complete this link.

Your understanding, cooperation, and continued partnership are invaluable in successfully implementing these initiatives. Together, we can provide our students with a safe and nurturing environment that promotes their academic and personal growth.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these efforts to improve our school safety, please don't hesitate to contact me at 626.258.5600 ext. 6805, and/or I welcome you to meet with me in person by calling the same phone number and making an appointment.

Onward,

Jorge Morales
Principal