

MEMORANDUM

Memorandum to: DeKalb County School District Families
From: Chief Brad Gober, DCSD Public Safety
Through: Dr. Devon Q. Horton, Superintendent

Re: Security Enhancements

As always, the safety of our students, staff, and families is our top priority. The recent implementation of our new state-of-the-art weapons detection system, *EVOLV*, into all DCSD middle and high schools for the 2023-24 school year was evidence of this commitment.

The good news is that our rollout of this technology has been overwhelmingly successful in our schools. We also recognize that with any new technological advancement, additional learning opportunities may be needed, as is the case in a couple of our schools.

At affected schools, our corrective measures to resolve egress issues promptly and effectively include:

- 1. **Relearning and Practice:** DCSD personnel are actively working with appropriate school staff in relearning sessions and practice drills to become more proficient with the *EVOLV* weapons detection system. These are essential to familiarize everyone with the technology's highly efficient operation and minimize delays.
- Preparation for Inspection: While there is no required preparation on the part of students, those who carry band instruments should be prepared for a quick check of instrument cases.

The District is fully committed to keeping our students and staff safe. The implementation of the new weapons detection system is one component of our efforts to maintain safe, secure educational settings.

Thank you for your continued support of the DeKalb County School District.