PABLO CASALS MIDDLE SCHOOL 181

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Principal

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Dear Parents,

Please be advised of the regulation from the Chancellor of Schools, regarding the carrying of weapons in schools. This letter will serve as notification to both parents and pupils of the consequences of carrying weapons at Pablo Casals Middle School.

- From Chancellor's Regulation A-430, dated 3/24/91

**ABSTRACT**

Any person carrying a weapon in a school building, facility or contract vehicle used to transport students to and from school poses a clear and present danger to other students and staff and is subject to suspension by a Superintendent or the Executive Director of the Division of Special Education, as well as possible criminal or juvenile delinquency prosecution. As used hereafter throughout this **Regulation**, the term "Superintendent" indicates the Executive Director of the Division of Special Education or his designee in suspensions involving special education students as defined in **Regulation of the Chancellor** A-445, and in suspensions involving other students, the Community or Assistant Superintendent; as appropriate.

I. **AUTOMATIC SUPERINTENDENT'S SUSPENSION AND SUMMONING OF POLICE**

Possession of the following weapons will result in an automatic Superintendent's suspension:

- Firearm (including pistol, handgun and any guns small enough to be concealed on the body), firearm silencer, and electronic dart gun;

- Shotgun, rifle, machine gun, or any other weapon which simulates or is adaptable for use as a machine gun;

- Switchblade knife, gravity knife, and cane sword (a cane that conceals a knife);

- Billy (club), blackjack, bludgeon, chukka stick (regardless of composition material), and metal knuckles;

- Sandbag and sandclub;

- Slingshot;

- Explosive, incendiary bomb and bombshell;

- Dagger, stiletto, dangerous knife, and straight razor;

- Air gun, spring gun, or other instrument or weapon in which the propelling force is a spring or air, and any weapon in which any loaded or blank cartridge may be used (such as BB gun).

Possession of any of these weapons is totally proscribed for all staff, students and school visitors, and constitutes grounds for criminal arrest, regardless of whether the weapon is loaded.

II. **SUPERINTENDENT'S SUSPENSION AND SUMMONING OF POLICE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PRINCIPAL**

Mere possession of certain other articles is forbidden and, under most circumstances, will result in a Superintendent's Suspension. Possession of the following articles is forbidden:

- Acid or other deadly or dangerous chemical; ***including Mace and/or Pepper Sprays.***

- Imitation pistol

- Loaded or blank cartridge and ammunition;

- Any deadly, dangerous, or sharp pointed instrument which can be used as a weapon (such as broken glass, case cutter, chains, wire).

- Laser Beam Pointer

\****Please note that students placed on Superintendent’s Suspension will attend school at a remote site on Longwood Avenue.***

I hope that this listing will serve as a notice to all concerned. It is not designed to scare anyone, just to insure the safety of the pupils who attend Pablo Casals Middle School. The implications are quite clear and anyone who may think of defying these regulations faces the possibility of an indefinite Superintendent's Suspension.

If there are any questions regarding these regulations, feel free to write to me. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Christopher Warnock

Principal

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Dear Mr. Warnock,

I have read and discussed with my child, the implications of the Chancellor's Memorandum concerning carrying weapons in school.

Pupil's Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Class\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_