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Re; OpenGate Weapon Detectors Implementation

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope this message finds you well. We are writing to inform you about an important security measure we are planning to implement within the West Branch Area SD buildings. As part of our ongoing efforts to ensure the safety and well-being of all students and staff, we are in the planning and training phase of introducing OpenGate weapon detectors.

OpenGate technology will help us monitor and prevent potential threats in a more efficient and streamlined manner. The detectors are designed to provide an unobtrusive, non-invasive way of ensuring that all individuals entering the campus are safe and secure.

At this stage, we are focusing on staff training and familiarization with the system, as well as conducting a thorough review of our security protocols. We are committed to ensuring that the implementation of this system is as smooth as possible while prioritizing the safety and comfort of all our students.

Preliminary plans are to implement the detectors on or around February 19, 2025. We will continue to keep you updated as we move forward with this initiative. If you have any questions or concerns in the meantime, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school community safe.

Warm regards,

Mark Mitchell
Superintendent