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TO: Springfield Longhorn Community

FROM: S. Swayne, Superintendent @ Springfield Schools

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RE: How to enjoy our home games.

After a few home events at our Longhorn Gym and Aaron Hale Field, it is time to remind our school community to help keep everyone safe and sound during the events. Our fields, campus, and buildings are to be kept in order and without chaos so that all fans and families can enjoy the athletes and coaches.

Unsupervised children have made it difficult to enjoy as we have found small groups running around inside and outside of SHS. It has been found that remote-controlled cars/ toys, loose balls, scooters, and bikes have been in and out of the building in a reckless fashion. On Sept. 29 during the football game, fist fights were rumored to have broken out between children ages 7-11 years old throughout the outdoor spaces.

These are unacceptable ways to behave in our community. Please see the following to understand our expectations:

1. **Children under the age of 12 should always be accompanied by a parent.** Not an older sibling (unless they are at least 25). Not someone else's parent or grandparent, but the parent of the child.
2. **All in attendance are expected to attend the games in the stands and watch our Longhorns.** The court, the field, and the track are off-limits unless you are a direct participant on the Longhorn teams that are playing.
3. **Absolutely no one should be upstairs in Springfield High School!** The downstairs hallway is also limited to a direct path for game access only, not a play or race area.
4. **No fights, bullying, chaos, balls, or wheeled toys/ vehicles should be on campus during our community events.** All bikes and scooters should be left at the bike rack should they be ridden to the games.

Our campus remains a construction site/zone for the remainder of this year. It is crucial that all in our community enjoy the opportunities we have to present our student activities with safety. These expectations listed above are in full effect for our community to be safe, our students to be engaged, and families to be together.

Those who do not meet our expectations will be asked and required to exit the event.