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Hello High School Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well. Over the past few months, I have had the opportunity to speak with dozens of parents about the security measures we have in place within our district. The conversations start with our excellent partnership with the Woodbridge Police Department, the positive impact our school security officers have had on the school community, and the upgrades to our camera and classroom phone systems. We have also discussed potential plans moving forward and what resources we can add, specifically metal detectors.

The members of the Board of Education and I had an initial conversation about their feasibility after successfully using them for athletic and co-curricular events at our schools this year. I have spoken about introducing metal detectors into our district at the President's Council Meeting as well as at a recent Board of Education meeting to gain a sense of the community's feeling. The response has been overwhelmingly supportive. We have met with vendors to review products, visited other districts to observe their procedures, and researched items for both efficiency and cost. The plan was to allocate funding for this project in the 2025-2026 school year beginning this July.

In light of the recent incident at Woodbridge High School, our district will not be waiting until next school year to implement this resource. Our school district has already placed an order for delivery where they will be immediately deployed to each of our three high schools. Our Coordinator of Security, along with our building administrators and security personnel, will be meeting to discuss the logistics so that a plan can be shared with the community prior to installation and usage. As a parent, I share your frustration in the need to have a weapons detection system in our schools. However, I, along with the Board of Education, also recognize that student and staff safety must remain our top priority and we are willing to take whatever steps are necessary.

I thank the community for their input, patience, and understanding as we navigate the good days along with tough ones. We anticipate the metal detectors being delivered in the upcoming weeks and as the school plans are developed, your respective principals will be reaching out to you with their building specific protocols. We appreciate the community's support as we add another layer of security to ensure the safety of our students and staff. If you have any questions regarding the protocols or plan, please do not hesitate to contact your building principal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joseph Massimino".

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