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Dear District 143 Families,

This letter is to notify you of the Firearm Concealed Carry Act that went into effect recently. Firearm owners in Illinois can apply for a license to carry a concealed gun. This Act identifies 25 areas where concealed firearms are prohibited, including schools. Pursuant 430 ILCS 66/65 the law requires schools to post a sign provided by the Illinois State Police and supported by Illinois School Board Association that states the carrying of firearms into school buildings is prohibited.

Therefore, you will notice new signs posted at every main entrance as required by law. The sign itself has a white background and a depiction of a handgun with a red circle around it and a diagonal slash across the handgun (the "no firearms" symbol). Please do not be alarmed by these signs. We are simply complying with the new law.

I would like to reiterate, that one of the goals of our school district is to maintain a safe environment conducive to learning. As an administrative team, we continue to put procedures in place and adhere to any new laws to maintain the safety of our school community.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools

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