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Dear Parents / Guardians:

Recently, we have seen an increase in incidents of students bringing weapons, mostly knives, to school. Clearly, this is extremely alarming and poses a serious risk to the safety of students in our schools.

We are asking parents for their support regarding this matter. Please have a conversation with your child about the dangers of weapons and remind them that they are not to bring weapons – whether real or replica - to school. Any violations will be taken very seriously by the police and the school district. Please be advised that we are increasing the consequences for students who are in possession of a weapon while on school grounds, including possible criminal charges and suspension from school in response to this worrying trend.

As parents/guardians, we urge you to know where your child is and what they may be taking to school. If you suspect they may have weapons and don't know what to do, or if you simply notice a change in their behaviour that concerns you, please call the school principal or the Delta Police District for assistance and support. If you or your child needs help, we are here to assist.

In addition, the provincial government offers an anonymous reporting tool, ERASE - <https://erasereportit.gov.bc.ca/> that lets you send a secure, anonymous and confidential message to your school who will follow up on it right away. Please remind your children that if they hear of or see a student bringing a weapon to school, they should report it to a trusted adult so that the appropriate steps can be taken or send a report via the [ERASE website](#).

The school district and Delta Police Department are working together to provide support, resources and education to students, their families and staff. Ultimately, our aim is to ensure that our schools are safe spaces to learn for all students. We greatly appreciate your assistance with this important matter.

Sincerely,

Delta Schools District

Delta Police