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Dear Parents:

RE: DRUGS, ALCOHOL, WEAPONS, VIOLENCE, AND GANG APPAREL

It is important you read this letter thoroughly and review the contents of this letter with your children. It is essential that all parents and students understand the School District policies and procedures regarding drugs, alcohol, tobacco, weapons (including “look-alike” weapons), physical violence, and gang-related apparel. To ensure the safety of all children and staff in our schools, and to ensure drug-free school sites, Alvord Unified School District policies are strictly enforced.

The Alvord Unified School District Board of Education, administration, and staff support and implement drug, alcohol, tobacco, and violence prevention education programs; and, a wide variety of appropriate interventions in grades kindergarten through twelve. Drug and alcohol use, and violence, however, continue to distress our local community and communities nationwide. Alvord continues its proactive stance on these troublesome issues to promote the safety and welfare of all students and staff. Further, because gang-related apparel can create/contribute to an unsafe school environment, the wearing of such attire is strictly prohibited.

The Alvord Unified School District is, through this letter, informing all parents and students of the penalties for incidents involving drugs, alcohol, weapons, and physical violence. In particular, California Education Code §48915 (c) requires the principal to immediately suspend and recommend expulsion for the following:

- Possessing, selling, or otherwise furnishing a firearm;
- Brandishing a knife at another person;
- Unlawfully selling a controlled substance listed in Chapter 2 (commencing with §11053) of Division 10 of the Health & Safety Code;
- Committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault or committing a sexual battery, both as defined in subdivision (n) of Section 48900; and,
- Possession of an explosive.

While these are not the only violations for which students may be suspended or recommended for expulsion, these offenses will result in suspension with consideration for expulsion from school, in accordance with required due process procedures (Education Code 48900, et. seq.). Under current law, students expelled for the specific offenses, listed above, will be reviewed for readmission one year from the date of expulsion.

The Alvord Unified School District Board Members and district personnel believe these policies, while stringent, are in the best interest of all students, staff, and the community. We intend to eliminate, to the fullest extent possible, the possession, use and sale of drugs and alcohol, the possession of weapons, physical violence, and the wearing of gang-related apparel on our school campuses and District properties.

We are confident you and your children will support and cooperate with us in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

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