

the James Giles Public School of District Eighty

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Ms. Stephanie Palmer
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Dear Giles Parents/Guardians:

Giles Administration and the District 80 School Board strive to ensure that our campus and students remain safe and drug free. To this end, we will be implementing a positive, school safety program, in partnership with Interquest Detection Canines® of Chicagoland. This is the same company that has successfully partnered with Ridgewood High School to promote a drug free campus.

The Interquest program will use trained school safety dogs to conduct random, unannounced inspections of our school. These dogs are friendly, non-aggressive breeds such as Golden and Labrador Retrievers. The dogs are trained to detect the presence of many prohibited items that pose a threat in today's schools, including:

- illicit drugs and narcotics
- gunpowder-based items
- beverage alcohol
- commonly abused prescription and over-the-counter medications

Campus common areas, locker rooms, and grounds as well as classrooms where students are not present will be randomly inspected for prohibited items. If an item is found, Giles School Administration will initiate the appropriate disciplinary action, in accordance with our existing school policies and procedures. We will contact parents of any student involved in disciplinary action, and we will keep any and all information confidential.

Giles School is taking every reasonable precaution to ensure a safe and healthy learning environment for all concerned. We believe that our new safety program will play a key role in achieving our goal. We thank you for your continuing support. If you have any questions, please contact me any time.

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