



James Bowie High School

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Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Dear Bowie High School Community,

As I stated in the letter released on April 8, 2019, students reported the location of some graffiti on campus that said “school shooting April 15.” Austin ISD police initiated an investigation and the message was removed. AISD police believe this was a random act and will have increased officers on campus on Monday, April 15th as a precautionary measure. Bowie High School and AISD take all such threats very seriously. On the morning announcements this morning students were reminded, if you “see something, say something.” Staff have been asked to be alert and reminded to be present at duty locations, as well as visible in the hallways during passing periods. Administrators and security are conducting multiple, periodic sweeps covering the campus, in addition to ongoing investigations. Counselors are available for students in crisis and are holding Monday mindfulness sessions scheduled during both lunches. Thank you for speaking with your students about the importance of reporting threats against individuals or groups to adults, or people in positions of authority to be able to respond to concerns. We are all working together to keep JBHS safe!

I understand that parents have concerns about a fight that took place between two students on campus on the afternoon of Monday, April 8, 2019. A video clip has been circulated through social media that has been described as the assault of a Special Education student. The incident is currently under investigation by both JBHS administration and AISD police. Administrators are following the Student Code of Conduct and the Texas Education Code to assign appropriate consequences. Unfortunately, because all records maintained by an educational agency and contain information directly related to the student, including student discipline and/or academic programs, are protected by the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), we are unable to speak to the specifics in this case. However, I assure you that JBHS and AISD take all situations like this very seriously to protect all students. Restrooms are checked during passing periods and students are encouraged to report anything concerning to teachers, security, administration, or School Resource Officers. Since the students included in the video are AISD students, and the very students we are charged to protect, we are requesting that the video not be distributed or shared. I appreciate your understanding and support of Bowie High School.

The Bowie HS Library is having a book fair with Book People April 22 to 27. All [summer reading books](#) for advanced English Language Arts and Science classes, as well as new Young Adult titles will be included in the book fair, and 20 percent of sales will go towards supporting the library. All purchases can be made online, in store, or at the Bowie Library, with all sales going toward the fundraiser. Purchase all your books online and come pick them up from the Bowie Library!

Students may have noticed new options for distributed dining on campus. We have enjoyed a positive response to our new “See Store” opened by the JBHS cafeteria staff and available to students by the main entrance to the library. Much like an airport venue, the “See Store” offers “to-go” lunches, fruits, snacks, beverages, water bottles, etc. for students to purchase. These new dining options are being supported by the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation. Part of the grant agreement is that we

periodically survey students. The surveys will also help us build future menus. Last year we received a great response from the survey and hope students will provide feedback again this year. Please click <https://forms.gle/KuJTZG2A3JSSk5MJ8> to participate.

As a parent, it's important for you to talk to your child about the dangers of vaping. Parents can learn more by attending a community presentation on Monday, April 22, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the Bailey MS Cafeteria to learn more about the epidemic facing our youth - presented by Bailey PTA, CATCHMyBreath & funded by St. David's Foundation. JUUL use has grown dramatically in recent months to become the most commonly used tobacco product by middle and high school students. Please join us to learn more about the youth vaping epidemic and how it could be affecting your child.

Sincerely,

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