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Christy Perry, Superintendent

Dear Students and Families,

The safety and security of every student is our highest priority at Salem-Keizer Public Schools. We work to create a welcoming climate, while at the same time ensuring safety and security. The activities and events the district hosts throughout the year are of high interest and value to all of our students and we encourage everyone to participate.

Because we do strive to create the safest environment possible, we have several precautionary measures that we will take at our school dances. At school dances, we currently have the following rules in place:

- All guests and students must confirm their identification,
- All purses and bags will be searched or stored (not accessible in dance area),
- Investigate any student or guest showing signs of being under the influence,
- No open containers of liquid are allowed into the dance, and
- Guests will be required to complete a guest pass (if the dance permits guests) prior to being able to attend.

We have an additional safety measure to our dance procedures. In order to encourage good decision-making by our students and their guests, we are implementing a randomized process to administer breathalyzer tests. A school administrator or designee will administer breathalyzer tests in a private setting. Students and/or guests selected must pass the breathalyzer test prior to entering the dance. Students who do not pass the breathalyzer test will be allowed to retest. If after the second test, the student does not pass the breathalyzer, the parents/guardians will be contacted to pick up their child from the school dance. Because this is a school event, there will be consequences administered per our student discipline policies and athlete agreement. Our School Resource Officer will also be notified of the infraction.

We want every student to have a great time at our school dances. In addition, we want all students to be safe on their way to, while in attendance at, and on their way home from the dance. We believe that the breathalyzer test will support our priority of student safety and encourage positive decision-making.

Thank you for your support in making our school dances as safe as possible. Please feel free to contact your school if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Larry Ramirez
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