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Dear Parent or Guardian:

As part of this ongoing commitment, and in compliance with Texas state law, our district provides information regarding responsible and secure firearm storage at home at least three times throughout the school year. Safe storage is one of the most effective ways to prevent unintentional injuries, protect children, and keep our community secure.

Understanding Texas Law

Under Texas Penal Code Section 46.13, it is unlawful to store, transport, or abandon an unsecured firearm in a place where a child (defined as anyone under 17 years of age) is likely to gain access. A person can face criminal negligence charges if a child gains unauthorized access to a readily dischargeable firearm.

Steps for Secure Storage at Home

The Texas School Safety Center and the Texas Department of Public Safety recommend the following "Keep 'Em Safe Texas" practices to prevent accidental access:

- Store firearms unloaded: Keep ammunition stored separately in a secure, locked location.
- Lock your firearms: Use a trigger lock, cable lock, locked gun case, or a secure gun safe.
- Secure the keys: Keep keys, combinations, and electronic keypad codes to gun locks and safes completely hidden and out of reach of children.

Starting the Conversation

We encourage you to talk openly with your children about firearm safety. Remind them that if they ever encounter an unsecured firearm, they should not touch it and should immediately tell a trusted adult. We also invite you to review our district's safety and security resources by visiting our Farmersville ISD website HERE.

Thank you for your continued partnership in keeping our students and schools safe.

Sincerely,

Farmersville ISD