



Dear Plum Families and Guests,

Ensuring the safety and well-being of our students, staff, and guests remains our highest priority. We are continually seeking opportunities to strengthen our safety protocols, and we are pleased to share a vital enhancement coming to our schools and events.

Plum Borough School District has invested in the OpenGate Weapons Detection System, a portable security solution designed to improve safety across our campuses and events. [[Click here](#) to see OpenGate in action]

This advanced system allows for fast, non-invasive screening of individuals and bags, helping to detect potential threats while maintaining the natural flow of foot traffic. While the system enables a more efficient process, bag and purse searches may still be conducted as part of the overall screening protocol. The system will be closely monitored by District staff and School Police Officers to ensure a safe and smooth experience with minimal disruption.

The OpenGate system will be deployed both during the school day for visitors and at after-hours extracurricular events, helping us extend safety measures beyond the regular school schedule. Its mobility makes it ideal for a wide range of activities—from indoor events like concerts, basketball games, and assemblies to outdoor gatherings such as football games, graduation ceremonies, and community events held on school grounds.

Weapons are strictly prohibited on all Plum Borough School District property. Students found in violation of this policy will face disciplinary consequences in accordance with District Policy 218.1, including potential expulsion and legal action. [[Click here](#) to review Policy 218.1]

Any individual found in possession of a weapon, regardless of licensure, will be detained and referred to the Plum Borough Police Department in compliance with Pennsylvania Crimes Code Section 912 [[Click here](#) to review Pennsylvania Crimes Code Section 912]

We are incredibly grateful for the collaboration of our safety team, school police, administrators, staff, and the Plum Borough Police Department in bringing this important initiative to life. This new system represents another meaningful step toward providing a secure, supportive environment where students, staff, and community members can focus on learning, growth, and shared experiences.

Thank you for your continued support as we implement these safety enhancements.

Warm regards,

Plum Borough School District