



## Turlock Unified School District

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Dana Salles Trevethan  
Superintendent

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Dear TUSD Parent/Guardian,

The safety of our students, staff, and Turlock Unified School District community is our highest priority and duty. Let this communication be a reminder to you that we have a comprehensive set of policies and procedures in place that address the safety, health, and welfare of our school community. We continue to encourage students and staff to hold themselves accountable for *see something, say something* and notify proper authorities if they become aware of a potential threat. Safety of our schools rely on partnerships between the District, local law enforcement, students, parents/guardians, and the entire community.

Because of our commitment to student safety and equity for all students at every school, we will reinstate the following guideline of *Turlock Unified's TK-12 School Attire to Support Student Safety*, aligned to revised Board Policy 5132 (Dress and Grooming), at all school sites effective January 9, 2019:

- *Only authorized hats, including a knit cap, displaying school of attendance logo/mascot/club, or hats used for sanctioned school activities, may be worn on campus, during regular school hours, in route to and from school, at authorized bus stops, on buses, or any co-curricular, and/or school-sponsored event.*

Our attempt to provide flexibility regarding “hats” on school campuses this year may have compromised student safety. Although the majority of our schools continued to maintain the aforementioned guideline this fall, all schools will return to upholding this expectation district-wide. In an effort to transition all students to our former school attire policy, site administrators and staff will be reminding students of this policy up until leaving for winter break. Enforcement of this expectation will begin on January 9, 2019 when students return for the second half of the 2018-19 school year.

Collaboration between all stakeholders maximizes a safe and secure learning environment for our students. Your anticipated cooperation and understanding of keeping student safety at the forefront is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dana Salles Trevethan