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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please be advised that The Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District has determined that all campuses in the district will be "closed" campuses from one hour before school begins until 4:30 p.m. each day. The Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District encourages interested parents/guardians and community members to visit the district's schools and participate in the educational program. (Board Policy 1250: Visitors/Outsiders ("BP 1250").) However, it remains the district's highest priority to ensure the constitutional right of students to attend safe, secure, and peaceful schools and also to minimize interruption of the instructional program. (Penal Code § 627; BP 1250.) Consequently, in accordance with law, Board Policy and District Rules and Regulations, the District requires all persons visiting a school during school hours to first register in the front office and obtain permission to remain on campus. (Penal Code § 627.2; Educ. Code §§ 32212, 35160; Board Policy and Rules and Regulations 1250: Visitors/Outsiders.) Such requirement applies to parents, guardians, volunteers, District staff not assigned to the school, public officials and employees, media representatives, and all other visitors. (*Reeves v. Rocklin Unified Sch. Dist.* (2003) 109 Cal.App.4th 652; 95 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 509 (1996).)

Accordingly, each time you enter a school for any reason while classes are in session, or an hour before or after such time, please proceed immediately to the front office to register. (Penal Code §§ 627.1, 627.2; RR 1250.) Visitors who have not registered will not be permitted to remain on school grounds. Additionally, because classroom visits during instructional time may be disruptive, visits during class time must be scheduled in advance. Visitors may be accompanied by an administrator for the duration of their visit. (AR 1250.)

We will send additional information home to all parents later this week detailing our plans for new dismissal procedures. Please be sure to check your student's backpack each day for important information. We value your involvement in the school community and thank you for your support and cooperation in prioritizing the safety and uninterrupted learning of the District's students.

Sincerely,

Paula Allbeck

Principal

Mark Twain Elementary School