

Dearborn Heights School District No. 7

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To the Families of Dearborn Heights School District No. 7:

District 7 Schools have entered into an agreement with the Dearborn Heights Police Department to authorize the police to access our surveillance footage. This is one of the initiatives in our school safety plan. Parents and students should be aware of the following guidelines which pertain to this safety initiative:

1. The police WILL NOT be monitoring our cameras at all times. No one will be assigned to sit and watch our cameras.
2. The police will only monitor LIVE video footage if the district alerts them to an active shooter event or another threatening situation at one of our schools.
3. The police will only monitor RECORDED video footage if it is necessary and relevant to an active police investigation.
4. The police will only take direction from District 7 Superintendent, Jennifer Mast, to access surveillance footage. District staff, building administrators, parents and community members must contact Ms. Mast if they feel that surveillance footage should be reviewed by the police for any incident.
5. Parents should follow the normal chain of command when reporting a school related issue. The building principal is your first call. Anyone bypassing the proper chain of command will be re-routed to the appropriate steps for reporting.

This agreement is not intended to be a "gotcha" for student behavior in our schools. This is a piece of our school safety plan as it applies to active shooter situations. This agreement will enable the police to view our live video footage during a potential active shooter event in order to eliminate the threat as quickly as possible.

If you have any concerns or questions about this notice, please contact my office by email (mastjenn@dhsd7.net) or by phone (313-203-3180).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer Mast".

Jennifer Mast
Superintendent of Schools

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