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Dear Parents and Community Members,

The Summerville Union High School District wishes to inform you of a recent change to the California Education Code, SEC. 2. Section 48986 under California Assembly Bill 452:

1. (a) (1) A local educational agency shall inform, through a notice in the manner prescribed in this section, the parents or guardians of each enrolled pupil of California's child access prevention laws and laws relating to the safe storage of firearms, including, but not limited to, Division 4 (commencing with Section 25000) of Title 4 of Part 6 of the Penal Code.

“There is no such thing as being too careful with children and guns. Never assume that simply because a toddler may lack finger strength, they can't pull the trigger. A child's thumb has twice the strength of the other fingers. When a toddler's thumb “pushes” against a trigger, invariably the barrel of the gun is pointing directly at the child's face. NEVER leave a firearm lying around the house.

Question: Why are you sending me this information & what does it mean for me?

Answer: Every family in the district will receive this information on an annual basis. In addition to updating you about changes to the law, Summerville Union High School District believes that information on keeping kids safe and providing details to you about gun safety and proper storage in the home is not just the law, it's also the right thing to do for the community we serve.

For More Info on AB 452

visit: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=20210220AB452

You Cannot Be Too Careful with Children and Guns

Child safety precautions still apply even if you have no children or if your children have grown to adulthood and left home. A nephew, niece, neighbor's child or a grandchild may come to visit. Practice gun safety at all times.

Serving the communities of: Cold Springs, Long Barn, Mi-Wuk Village, Pinecrest, Sierra Village
Strawberry, Sugar Pine, Tuolumne, Twain Harte

To prevent injury or death caused by improper storage of guns in a home where children are likely to be present, you should store all guns unloaded, lock them with a firearms safety device and store them in a locked container. Ammunition should be stored in a location separate from the gun.”

<https://oag.ca.gov/firearms/tips#:~:text=To%20prevent%20injury%20or%20death,location%20separate%20from%20the%20gun>

Respectfully,

Michael S. Merrill

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