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Dear Parents and guardians,

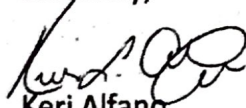
Parent / teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, March 8 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Friday, March 9 from 12:00 – 2:20 p.m. Although Truman High School is a scanning school, it has been our practice in the past not to scan parents and siblings as they enter the building during parent / teacher conferences. After consulting with staff, parents and especially our students, it has been decided that all parents and children attending parent teacher conferences will be scanned by school safety. While I understand the prospect of being scanned to meet a teacher or counselor might seem extreme, I do feel it is prudent for everyone's safety.

I want to also inform you that steps are taken every day ensure the safety of all staff, student and parents. To quote Chancellor Fariña:

It is our job to ensure that every school is a safe haven for our children and families. I want to assure you that the Department of Education works in lockstep with the NYPD to keep all students and school staff safe – both physically and emotionally. We have a standing requirement that all schools conduct safety drills, including one between February 2 and March 15, and principals will also be reviewing the individual safety protocol for their school buildings with school staff. I've asked our educators to also discuss why they are conducting these drills and what their purpose is with the entire school community. Additionally, within our classrooms, I have asked educators to engage in the challenging questions and conversations about tragedies like the one recently in Broward County, Florida. It is important that we have these conversations at school and at home, and to always remind our children that they are safe in our schools and that we will do everything within our power to keep it that way. We also need your vigilance and partnership to ensure that any safety concern is immediately reported through the proper channels. If you see something, we need you to say something. Please reach out to your school administration, your parent coordinator or call 311, which will refer the issue to the NYPD or the DOE as appropriate. If it is an emergency, call 911 immediately.

If you have any questions or concerns about parent / teacher conferences, scanning procedures, or schoolwide safety, please free to contact me.

Sincerely,


Keri Alfano
Principal