

# WORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT 127

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

In ongoing efforts to maintain a safe and healthy learning environment for all students, Worth School District has implemented a new safety initiative involving the use of a trained drug-detection canine.

Beginning this month, a certified drug-sniffing dog will be **periodically** brought onto Worth Junior High School grounds **as a proactive measure to deter the presence of illegal substances**. These visits will be conducted in collaboration with local law enforcement and will include routine, unannounced sweeps of school facilities, including lockers and common areas. **The canine will not be used to search individual students and will not interact with students directly.**

This initiative is part of the district's broader commitment to drug prevention, education, and ensuring a secure environment where all students can focus on their academic and personal growth. The district understands that student safety is a shared responsibility, and appreciates your support in helping reinforce healthy, drug-free habits.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Administrative Center.

Thank you for your continued partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark T. Fleming".

Dr. Mark T. Fleming  
Superintendent