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Dear Wayland Union Schools Families,

Beginning **October 1st, 2025**, Michigan law will require school districts to distribute safe storage informational notices annually, developed by the Department of Health and Human Services, to the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of every student. This requirement is now law and is part of the *Safe Homes, Safe Schools* legislation and is aimed at raising awareness and preventing unintentional firearm injuries.

As part of our responsibility under state law, we are sharing the following resources to help you understand what the law requires and how to comply:

## Resources

- 1. What is the Secure Storage Law in Michigan
- 2. Safe Storage Notice

Additional resources and information can be found on MDE's <u>Secure Storage Law</u> and MDHHS's <u>Firearm Injury Prevention</u> webpages.

We ask that every family takes a few moments to review these materials. If your household has firearms, please consider whether the storage methods you are using meet the new standards mandated by the laws. Safe storage options may include locked containers, safes, or trigger locks and ensuring that children cannot access firearms.

While we are required to share these resources, this is also a reflection of our deep commitment to creating the safest possible environment for our students, not just at school, but in their homes and communities. Collaboration between schools and families is vital, and your attention to this matter helps protect our children.

Thank you for your cooperation and for being a partner in keeping our community safe.

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