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MEMO

To: Parents, Grandparents and/ or Guardians

From: UMrs. Elise Evans, Superintendent

Ms. Denise Dill, Chief Operating Officer

Mrs. Lakeva Bridgeforth, Principal

Subject: Safety of Your Children

Date: Friday, September 6, 2024

Greetings! The safety of your child (ren) is most important to us while they are in our care. Therefore, we want to share the following information with you:

In light of the recent school shooting in Georgia and the information regarding a 6 year old student taking a gun to another Memphis Public School, we wanted to assure you of the safety of your child (ren) while they are at Southern Avenue.

This year our teachers received Professional Development Active Shooter Training before school began. We have two armed Security Guards on duty each day. They monitor the entrances and survey the campus continuously. We have walk-through security detectors at each main entrance. Everyone is required to walk through them for entrance to each building. Students receive active drills as required by the State of Tennessee and other drills for security measures. We have a Security Team of teachers who have been trained in crisis situations as well.

We are vigilant in protecting your child (ren). If you have any further suggestions, please share them with us. Thank you for entrusting us with your most precious possessions.

You are appreciated.