



## Ben Hill County School District

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Attention Parents and Guardians:

Ben Hill County Schools will maintain a safe environment for our students and staff. We are installing metal detectors at our schools including Jaycee Stadium. These metal detectors and wands were purchased as part of our School Safety Grant. Students in grades 3-12 will be required to walk through the metal detectors as they enter the building.

To expedite the entrance process with our new metal detectors, Ben Hill County Schools has purchased clear book bags for all students in grades 3-12. These clear book bags are mandated for grades 3-12, and they will be distributed to your children at school once they arrive. After the book bags are distributed to students, each school will notify you of the date to begin using the CLEAR bags at BHES, BHMS, and FHSCCA. Students can bring their lunch bags, pencil boxes or bags, and females can put hygiene products in small containers in clear book bags. Ben Hill Pre-K and Primary School will continue with their normal book bag policy.

**In addition to this new change, we will implement a new visitor policy. All visitors/parents who visit our schools will provide photo identification along with adhering to our new NO bag policy. Visitors can no longer bring in bags or purses into our school buildings.**

We appreciate your support as we take new safety measures for all our students and staff. We strive for all students to learn in a safe environment.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dawn Clements", written in a cursive style.

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