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Dear Parents,

As a part of our safety procedures, I would like to remind all families that the very common toy – Air Soft Gun – is a violation of Board Policy 5131.7 to have on school grounds. It is also a violation of Manhattan Beach Municipal Code 4.84.010 to shoot an air gun without a permit. This code includes BB guns, slingshots, bows and arrows and any other type of gun. Children under the age of eighteen are not legally allowed to purchase air soft guns.

Please inform your children that these items are not allowed on school grounds. If students violate this policy, the consequence will be a recommendation for suspension or expulsion. This is a very serious violation of the code of conduct and will not be taken lightly. Please note that since this is also a violation of the Municipal Code, if a child is on campus or in the community and uses the guns outside school hours, students can be cited or arrested.

As a District, we are stressing safety. Please support our efforts by encouraging your children in following this policy and not bringing these dangerous items to school.

Thank you very much, and have a wonderful year.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ellyn Schneider". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ellyn Schneider
Executive Director, Student Services