



BIG BEAVER FALLS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Big Beaver Falls Parents and Guardians,

This is to inform the Big Beaver Falls Area School Community that our students are NOT permitted to have Orbeez Pellet Guns (and look-alikes) in our schools, on school property, on school buses, or at school activities/events.

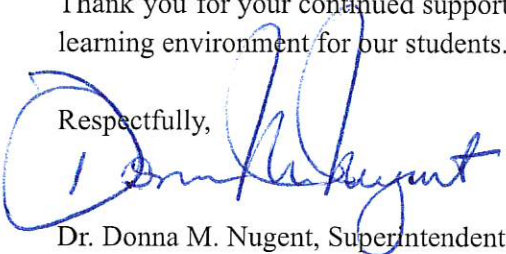
Here and across the state, Law Enforcement Officers are responding to recent social media trends and challenges with serious consequences. One of the latest actually involves shooting people with projectiles called Orbeez, which are much like BBs or airsoft pellets. These pellet guns have now become prevalent in our community. They are very dangerous. Parents and guardians are strongly encouraged to talk with their children about the safety concerns and panic these items could cause. In order to address this growing trend, the Big Beaver Falls Area School District will respond to any such behavior with the maximum possible consequences under the district's student code of conduct and board policy.

Additionally, like airsoft and other BB guns, some of these items may easily be mistaken for real guns with disastrous consequences. If your children have access to these items, please tell them that these items are **NOT** to be taken to school or used in any school environment/setting. It is the district's expectation that students **DO NOT** have any type of water, gel, or pellet gun of any kind within any of the Big Beaver Falls school buildings, on school property, on school buses, or at any school activity/event. Failure to comply will result in suspension with a possible recommendation for expulsion in accordance with the Big Beaver Falls Area School District Policy 218.1 Weapons Policy, which includes the terms "BB or pellet gun, and look-alike gun".

Student safety and school security are Big Beaver Falls Area School District's top priorities. We want all of our students to be safe wherever they are in our community. I ask for our students, parents, guardians, and community's support and partnership with this situation. Students and families need to be aware that with this type of infraction, the district will not dismiss it as harmless child's play.

Thank you for your continued support in helping the Big Beaver Falls Area School District maintain a safe and productive learning environment for our students.

Respectfully,


Dr. Donna M. Nugent, Superintendent