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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Although the prom is intended for juniors and seniors, many students invite students from 10th or 9th grade as their guests. This letter is for all students and guests who plan to attend the prom and their parents.

The Junior/Senior Prom is an event sponsored by the Junior Class. This event is scheduled for Saturday, May 14, 2022 at The Georgia Tech Hotel from 8:00 p.m. until 11:30 pm. Teachers and administrators serve as chaperones for the prom, and additional security is provided by our police officers. Our expectation is that students will behave responsibly which includes no drinking, no use of drugs, and no inappropriate behavior before, during, or after the prom. As a reminder, pages 47-52 of the Atlanta Public Schools' Student Handbook points out specific violations that we consider to be serious violations of our code of conduct:

1. Possession, sale, use in any amount, distribution, or being under the influence of any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturates, marijuana, drug paraphernalia or alcoholic beverage or other intoxicant. A student is subject to immediate suspension and mandatory referral to the disciplinary tribunal with a recommendation of placement at another school, alternative school, expulsion or long-term suspension.
2. Possession, distribution, attempted sale or sale of substances represented as drugs or alcohol. A student is subject to immediate suspension and mandatory referral to the disciplinary tribunal with a recommendation of placement at another school, alternative school, expulsion, or long-term suspension.
3. Sale, attempted sale, distribution, or being under the influence of a prescription or over the counter drug unless so ordered by a physician. A student is subject to immediate suspension and mandatory referral to the disciplinary tribunal with a recommendation of placement at another school, alternative school, expulsion, or long-term suspension.
4. Possession or use of a weapon or dangerous instrument. A student is subject to immediate suspension and mandatory referral to a disciplinary tribunal if a student is alleged to have possessed, used, handled or transmitted any object that reasonably can be considered a weapon or any other tool or instrument capable of inflicting bodily injury as a weapon. Students who possess firearms on campus will be subject to a minimum of a one calendar year expulsion and will be referred to law enforcement officials.

Additionally, students may be scanned by electronic wands upon entering the prom. We are also not permitting students to bring overnight bags to the prom. There is no place for these items to be stored while students attend this event.

Parents, you are urged to reinforce the school's position on these matters and talk with your student about behaving responsibly. In addition, we ask that you talk with your children about obeying all traffic laws when driving to and from the prom. No speeding! If students hear the same expectations about the prom

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from the school's administration while they are at school and from their families at home, we will send a strong message to our students regarding safety.

On another note, any student who has any disciplinary actions pending will not be allowed to attend the prom. If applicable, be sure that your child has served any assigned after school detentions and cleared any mandatory conferences, in-school suspensions (ISS), and suspensions prior to May 12, 2022.

Students must wear proper attire for this event. Any student who is dressed inappropriately for this occasion will not be admitted to the prom. Jeans, t-shirts, and flip-flops are inappropriate.

Finally, parents, please remember that once the prom is over, the staff's responsibility ends. After-prom parties are not sanctioned, endorsed or monitored by Midtown High School personnel. If you grant permission for your children to attend any after-prom activities, that will be your choice and your responsibility.

We want the prom to be a safe and enjoyable occasion for our students, and we expect your support in setting appropriate limits and expectations for your children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dr. B. Bockman".

Betsy Bockman, Ph.D.
Principal