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SEPTEMBER 23, 2019: CAMPUS SEARCH & SAFETY UPDATE

School Safety is a top priority in the Franklin County School District. The Franklin County School District in conjunction with the Franklin County Sheriff's Department works diligently to keep all schools safe for our students and staff. From time to time it is necessary to do a school wide search for contraband on campus.

Today, at the beginning of the school day, a search was performed on the FCS campus in the middle and high school grades. Among confiscated items, there were vapes, cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, and over the counter medications. All students found to have any of these prohibited items will be issued consequences and parents will be notified. While we are disappointed that students are engaging in this type of activity, we are pleased that there were no weapons or illegal drugs found to be on campus.

We will continue this process to deter violations of the student code of conduct and Florida Statutes in order to provide a safe learning environment. There is an anonymous tip line on the Franklin County School District website at www.franklincountyschools.org that is closely monitored. We also have a free school district app, *Franklin CountySD*, which is available for download to your mobile device, for all of the most up to date information related to our schools.

FortifyFL is also a free app from the Florida Department of Education for reporting suspicious activity, and allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.

We encourage all students, parents, school board employees, and community members if you see or hear something suspicious, please say something. We appreciate all community support in keeping our schools safe.