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MEMORANDUM

TO: Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners

FROM: Anita Stewart-Hammerer, Armory Manager

DATE: October 16, 2017

SUBJECT: Security Measures at Fifth Regiment Armory

Due to increased security measures, expect delays when entering the Fifth Regiment Armory. The Fifth Regiment Armory (FRA) is a state-owned facility that hosts a diverse population of local residents and visitors for a variety of events, including track and field, concerts, hair shows, and other events. The FRA has designed its physical security program to protect against the loss of lives due to criminal, terrorists or hostile operations. Public safety is a top priority at the FRA, and we rely on the cooperation of every person entering the facility to maintain this level of safety.

Track & Field

To expedite the amount of time it takes to search back packs and other items carried by athletes and coaches, individual schools will be responsible for searching the bags of all athletes. Coaches or a responsible adult appointed by the school will search bags after all participants have boarded the bus. Once completed, a participant roster signed by the coach will be given to a Fifth Regiment Armory Security team member when he or she boards the bus prior to teams exiting the bus.

Searchable Items

The Fifth Regiment Armory reserves the right to search bags, backpacks, purses, strollers, and persons entering the building to ensure public safety. Items listed below will not be allowed in the building. Anyone attempting to enter the building with prohibited items will be asked to return them to their vehicle or discard them.

Prohibited Items

The following items are **NOT** allowed in the Fifth Regiment Armory:

- Laser Pointers
- Illegal drugs/substances
- Weapons, pepper spray/mace, flares or fireworks
- Noise making devices, starter pistol or air horns
- Picks/spiked combs
- Pointed-tip umbrellas
- Studded belts/bracelets
- Balloons
- Any items that may be deemed potentially harmful