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Weapons Policy

As a result of the State of Alabama's new gun law, there has been some question as to how this will affect the Catholic schools in our diocese. The State Superintendent of Education, Dr. Tommy Bice, has issued guidance regarding this new law stating clearly that firearms are still prohibited on school grounds. Bice has stated, "All Alabama school systems should continue to enforce existing policies to ban firearms and other weapons from school grounds."

Schools should post "Firearms Prohibited" signs at entrances to the campus and the school building. Catholic schools will follow suit continuing to prohibit firearms or weapons of any kind on our campuses.

Please refer to our Diocesan School Board Policy Book, #4600, "Weapons Policy," for more information.

*"Our Lord Jesus Christ came that we might have life and have it in all its fullness. He is at the heart of our education. Therefore, Catholic schools promote the sanctity of human life and express concern for the dignity of every human being. One way for Catholic schools to protect life is to promote and provide a safe academic environment for students and staff. The possession of dangerous weapons is a threat to the health, safety and well being of students and staff in Catholic schools. **Therefore, the possession of dangerous weapons is prohibited on school premises or at school sponsored activities.**"*

Should you have any questions, please contact the Catholic Schools Office at (205) 838-8303.