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BCSD TO PILOT “CLEAR BAG OR NO BAG” ENTRY PROCEDURE AT GOOSE CREEK HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL GAMES BEGINNING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

Leaders will continue to explore all options to advance and improve safety and security measures

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(GOOSE CREEK)- Berkeley County School District (BCSD) leaders will begin piloting a “Clear Bag or No Bag” entry procedure at Goose Creek High School football games to take effect Friday, October 6, 2017. This proactive measure is part of an on-going safety initiative by the BCSD Safety and Security Office to continue to improve and advance district safety and security measures.

“Implementing the ‘Clear Bag or No Bag’ entry procedure allows staff and on-site law enforcement to quickly and easily identify prohibited items thus reducing delays that result from traditional bag searches,” said Tim Knight, BCSD Safety and Security Coordinator. “We want our fans and guests to enter and enjoy our facilities with the peace of mind that we are taking proactive steps necessary to ensure their safety and the safety of their families. As Goose Creek High School is currently our largest high school, it was the best location to pilot this new safety measure.”

Each ticketed individual is allowed to carry one clear tote bag, not to exceed 12” x6 x 12” and a small clutch or wallet can be included in this clear tote if it does not exceed 4.5” x 6.5”. A clear tote bag is not required in order to carry small permissible items such as keys, wallets, cell phones, credit cards, cash, etc., which should be carried in a pocket. Prohibited items include weapons, drugs, alcohol, tobacco and electronic cigarettes.

“We prefer our fans and guests to attend events without carrying any bag; however, we understand that it is necessary for some individuals to utilize a non-clear bag for medically necessary items or equipment,” Knight continued. “If an individual cannot utilize a clear bag for this reason, please understand that you will be required to speak with a designated Goose Creek High School gate administrator and your bag will be subject to search.”

Please be reminded that once you have received clearance to enter the event, you will not be allowed to re-enter if you choose to leave at any time. As safety and security is our number one priority, leaders will continue exploring all options to advance and improve safety and security measures in line with common procedures implemented at major events that have the potential to attract a large crowd.

“We commend and applaud Berkeley County School District for their willingness to pilot a ‘Clear Bag or No Bag’ entry procedure and look forward to working alongside their leaders to continue to improve safety measures at district schools and facilities,” said Berkeley County Sheriff Duane Lewis. “It is important that we consider all proactive measures and continue to explore all options available to us to ensure the safety of the students, families and communities of Berkeley County.”

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Berkeley County School District’s Mission

In partnership with our community, ignite in every student a passion for world-class knowledge and skills through dynamic instruction and personalized educational opportunities.