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TO: All Principals

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     Chief School Performance & Accountability Officer

SUBJECT: TIRES AT SCHOOLS

It has been brought to my attention that schools are utilizing spare, and/or used tires to supplement their athletic programs and/or for decoration. Please be advised, that this is not permitted.

Tires are not in the curriculum for athletic. Tires may not be stored at school sites and/or used for decoration. Tires that are kept outside gather water and are a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

Tires that are kept inside are a serious fire hazard. Should a fire start inside a school involving a tire, the results would be catastrophic, as our sprinkler systems would not be able to extinguish it. Tire fires release poisonous gases in the air, and would cause smoke damage to the facility, which would require significant clean up and repair. Please remove all tires from school sites immediately.

Questions regarding how to properly dispose of tires, please contact Vehicle Maintenance at 754-321-4460.

NOTE: School sites having a curriculum such as automotive will be reviewed by Fire Safety inspectors, and if any changes are deemed necessary in storage of tires, then guidelines/steps will be provided at that time.

Should you have any additional questions, or concerns, please contact the Chief Fire Official at 754-321-4817.

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cc: Senior Leadership Team
    Director, School Performance & Accountability