



Dear Texas Educator:

I am writing you today as CEO of Garrett Metal Detectors, a Texas-based company and the nation's leading metal detector company. My purpose is to inform you of an opportunity for your school district to take advantage of a potentially vital new tool for school health and security in the form of our Garrett SmartScan™ integrated thermal screening system. Beyond the traditional metal detector function, Garrett SmartScan is unique in that it simultaneously reads students' temperatures as they enter your schools with no extra screening step needed. This can allow your district to identify and take appropriate measures for any potentially symptomatic COVID-19 carrying students before they begin interacting with their peers for the day. Post-COVID-19, SmartScan can help your district reduce the spread of other common illnesses that have a negative impact on attendance and school funding.

The seamless integration of SmartScan into Garrett's walk-through metal detectors creates an efficient, multi-functional no-contact security checkpoint. No technical staff are needed to make initial temperature evaluations. The temperature screening and metal detection functions may be used independently or together, meaning schools in your district would have the option to only activate the temperature check portion if they wish to delay the need for security staff for metal detection.

As a company founded and headquartered in Garland, Garrett Metal Detectors is committed to providing outstanding service to the Texas public sector. In fact, our co-founder, Mrs. Eleanor Garrett, is a proud fifth-generation Texas Educator. Garrett recently made a donation of SmartScan-equipped metal detectors for the entrances at the Texas Governor's Mansion and the Texas State Capitol building. Garrett has likewise partnered with many Texas school districts to provide integrated school safety solutions as a true last line of defense to ensure neither weapons nor other threats such as infectious disease are present in our state's classrooms. A full range of resources for school safety is available on our website including a series of videos documenting Garrett's partnership with the Santa Fe Independent School District after the tragic shootings in May 2018. To access these resources please visit us at: <https://garrett.com/school-security>

This is a particularly important time for your school district to consider this option given the influx of federal COVID related funding, as your school district is likely already eligible for funds to obtain the Garrett SmartScan thermal screening system. The State of Texas just recently released \$11.2 billion in new federal funds directly to school districts to help address costs incurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, with additional funds soon to follow. These funds are being provided to school districts such as yours via Texas Education Agency grants for discretionary projects. Given Garrett SmartScan's ability to assist in preventing the spread of COVID-19 at your school district through its thermal scan, its purchase is a natural fit to be included in your district's grant application to TEA for these discretionary funds.

Now more than ever, Garrett Metal Detectors is positioned to assist your school district to adapt and respond to new and evolving challenges. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Steve Novakovich
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Garrett Metal Detectors