

## SUBLETTE MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

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Monday, February 14, 2022

Dear Parents,

Due to past COVID restrictions, we allowed students to bring their backpacks to every class with their supplies and books in them. Having backpacks in the classroom has led to some safety concerns; the first concern is the capability to conceal a device that could be harmful to others within a classroom setting. Another concern is the tripping hazard that our backpacks are causing. If we need to evacuate the classroom for a practice drill or an actual emergency, we need to do this quickly. With backpacks on the floors, evacuating safely and rapidly could be hard to accomplish. Starting on Monday, February 21, Sublette High School/Middles School will utilize our locker system. At that time, Student backpacks will go in lockers, and students will need to regularly use their lockers to get items they need for their upcoming class. Students are already assigned a locker, and our schedule has a four-minute passing period that will give them enough time to pick up/drop off items at their lockers. We thank you for your support in helping keep our students safe! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact the Sublette High School/Middle School office at (620) 675-2232.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bobby Murphy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Bobby Murphy, MS/HS Principal