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Dear Parents and Staff,

I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for your patience and understanding as we navigate through recent events impacting our school days.

As you are aware, our primary concern is always the safety and well-being of our students, employees, and staff. In light of today's event, I want to reassure you that we immediately began working with local law enforcement to address the matter and identify the source and credibility of the communication we received about a potential threat.

It's important for you to know that our approach involves gathering and verifying all necessary evidence before communicating accurate information or any updates. This process, however, does not precede our responsibility to take preliminary action to keep staff and students safe. Today, that action involved locking down schools immediately while we determine the credibility of the communication. This allowed us to continue school as normal within the building while limiting external activities and visitors. Despite our best efforts, we understand that information may reach you through other channels before you receive official communication from us. Please know that we have extensive plans in place to collaborate closely with first responders, to prioritize safety above all else, and to communicate as soon as possible with our families.

Our handbook outlines our procedures during emergencies, emphasizing that the safety of our school community is paramount. We adhere to the guidance of our first responders, who advise against releasing public statements until we have received an all-clear. This is done to ensure the safety of everyone involved and to prevent the spread of misinformation.

Moving forward, I want to assure you that we will continue to provide updates as quickly as possible once we have been granted permission by local law enforcement. Our goal remains to keep parents informed and to maintain transparency throughout any ongoing situations.

Thank you once again for your patience and cooperation during these challenging times. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Sincerely,

Dr. Daniel Applegate