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Dear Parents and Guardians:

As you are aware from the series of phone, email, and text messages sent to you earlier today, our school was placed on lockdown and then lockout status for a total of about two hours today while we investigated a text message that was considered a threat. I am writing to provide you with the most up-to-date information I can so that you can discuss this matter with your child in a manner you deem most appropriate.

At about 9:20 this morning, one of our students received a text message from a number that student did not recognize. The message made reference to something that was occurring in the classroom. The student asked about the identity of the sender, and the reply contained more information about what was occurring in the classroom.

The student alerted the teacher, who took the class into the hallway and alerted me. While we had no specific threat, the second text message was considered threatening in nature. Therefore, I made the decision to put the school on lockdown and to call police.

Police and school officials spent the remainder of the day investigating the messages. We have yet to identify the source.

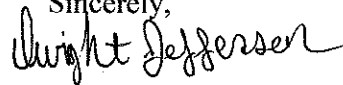
At about 10:45 a.m., police told me they believed it was safe for our students and staff to resume normal activities inside the building. As a result, we transitioned to a lockout status. During such a time, all interior activities continue normally but no one is allowed in or out of the building. Police continued to search the area around our building during this time, but found nothing suspicious.

At about 11:15 a.m. today, we resumed all normal activities. We adjusted our schedule so that all students could eat lunch, and instruction continued normally for the remainder of the day.

I want to applaud our students and staff for the way in which they handled this most unusual situation. Our students followed directions, and our staff expertly handled their assignments. The fruits of emergency drills that we do at our school certainly were seen today.

I realize that this is a time of anxiety for all of us when it comes to school safety. I assure you, however, that we do everything we can to ensure our building is safe and secure for students and staff.

If you have any information that can assist in this investigation, please let us or police know immediately. If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call the school.

Sincerely,  


Dwight Jefferson  
Principal

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