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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The safety and security of our students is something our faculty, staff, administration, and board of education take very seriously. Given recent events in South Florida, and the current national conversation on school security, I thought it might be helpful to summarize the measures we have in place to ensure the safety and security of our students.

We have a standing safety committee, charged with reviewing, revising, and coordinating our safety and security initiatives. We employ a Director of School Safety and Security, whose primary responsibility is to ensure that we are taking appropriate steps to prevent critical incidents from occurring on campus. Should there be a critical incident on campus, he will also serve as a first responder. We conduct safety drills regularly throughout the course of the school year, including lockout and lockdown drills. We provide ongoing professional development for our faculty and staff, related to the safety and security of our students.

Over the past three years, we have upgraded our campus-wide building access systems and our campus-wide video surveillance system, so that we have an enhanced ability to monitor activity on our school campus. In our upcoming 2018 Capital Project, we will be reconfiguring the main entrances and main offices in both of our school buildings in order to more easily monitor visitors during the school day. As a part of this project, we will also be installing various security measures to harden our facilities, and we will be reconfiguring traffic flow in order to allow for on-campus drop off, and pick up, of all students.

As a small school district, one of our greatest strengths is the ability of our faculty, staff, and administration to get to know each of our students as individuals. Because of this, we are able to identify when individual students are struggling, and we are able to offer these students, and sometimes their families, extra support. Early intervention of at-risk students is the best preventative measure when it comes to school safety and security. Additionally, our students understand and support the idea of "See Something, Say Something". On a regular basis our students share concerns with members of our faculty and staff, or with their own parents, who in turn share concerns with faculty or administrators.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter please call Mr. Kupiec (315-696-6213), Mrs. Murphy (315-696-6235), or me (315-696-6204).

Sincerely,

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