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Dear Families, Staff, Students, and Community Members,

In recent weeks, news stories have spread through social media, television news and commentary, along with other media outlets which have created uncertainty for some in our community. In light of the questions created regarding school safety and visitor access, I am writing to provide clarity on the established protocols that protect our students and staff. Our #1 goal, each and every day, is to ensure that RSU 9 remains a safe, secure, focused, and welcoming environment for student learning and staff instruction.

To maintain the integrity of our school day and the safety of everyone on our campuses, we adhere to the following strict legal and procedural guidelines:

Standard Safety and Privacy Protocols

- **Privacy Protections:** Under federal and state laws (including FERPA), schools are prohibited from disclosing student and staff information or providing access to students to any third party without proper legal documentation. This includes confirming whether a student or staff member is present at any of our schools. These protections extend to all district activities, including bus transportation and athletic events.
- **Authorized Access:** Access to non-public school spaces by any outside agency or individual requires a valid judicial warrant signed by a judge. Any such documentation must be reviewed by the superintendent and district legal counsel before any action is taken.
- **Secure Campus Procedures:** All visitors—regardless of their affiliation—are required to enter through the main office of our school buildings. If standard check-in procedures are not followed, we have immediate protocols in place, including lockdowns (in case of unauthorized entrance), to prioritize the safety of our students and staff.

Our Local Partnerships

We are fortunate to have strong, professional relationships with the Farmington and Wilton Police Departments and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. In my almost five years as your superintendent these local law enforcement partners have always demonstrated their commitment to the safety of our schools and to the students who learn in them and the staff who work inside them. I look forward to their continuing to work alongside us ensuring that the rights and protections of all community members are upheld and respected.

Our Shared Commitment

The strength of the Mt. Blue Regional School District lies in our ability to work together with mutual respect and a shared focus on education. By following the above clear, consistent protocols, we will continue to ensure that every student and staff member can learn and work in an environment free from distraction or concern.

Our priority is—and will always be—to maintain a safe, professional, and welcoming environment for each and every student, staff member, and family. Thanks to everyone within the Mt. Blue Regional School District for your continued partnership in keeping RSU 9 a safe and supportive place for all.

Very truly yours,

Christian M. Elkington