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Dear Parents,

The tragedy in Florida reminds us all of the importance of the safety and security in schools. We want to assure our families that our school has an updated school safety plan that has been created/reviewed in collaboration with local law enforcement. The members of our staff have been trained on the specifics of this plan and we conduct periodic drills to ensure that everyone knows their role during a crisis.

USD 333 has a specific protocol for entry to our schools, and we appreciate the understanding of our parents as we enforce these protocols for the safety of our children. Security cameras are in place and we continually evaluate ways to make our school safe, yet welcoming to all our visitors. The safety of our students remains our highest priority.

As many of you remember, we were involved in a full district wide lockdown this past fall that allowed us the opportunity to evaluate our systems in place. We had tremendous strengths in our plan as the situation unfolded and we had a number of areas that we felt needed addressed as a school staff. We have made those adjustments and continue to learn and grow as we modify our crisis management plan with new knowledge available and continued conversations with both our resource officer and additional law enforcement.

USD 333 has been working collaboratively to update our crisis plan and we are currently vetting our electronic version of our crisis plan to allow all involved crisis management personnel access to updated safety protocol. This is a cutting edge resource we are collaboratively constructing with our local Police, Fire, EMS and Sheriff's department to ensure they all have updated procedures in real time as we modify our safety and hazard mitigation plans.

We continue to admit people into our building only when we know who they are, and that they have a legitimate reason to be in our facilities. We have the right to deny admittance to our facilities and we will not hesitate to call law enforcement immediately if we consider something to be suspicious.

Research identifies that most school assailants tell someone about their plans, and that there was identifiable cause for concern prior to the attack. Please remind your children to report any issue of concern. "If you see something, say something," and that school safety is everyone's responsibility.

Each year we begin with dialogue with our staff that learning is not the single most important thing we provide for our children. Our most important job is to build relationships with our children at school so they feel safe at school. Workplace skills and academic skills are an integral part of our education system in USD 333 that has proven to be very effective, but only when our children come to school feeling safe and loved.

To Better Education,

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