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## **Update on School Safety**

**February 23, 2018:** In light of the tragic shooting at a high school in Florida recently and multiple threats in schools in the nation, we want to ensure our stakeholders that safety continues to be a top priority for our district. The district is proactively taking appropriate measures to increase awareness of potential safety concerns by reviewing our safety and security protocols, conducting safety audits and making revisions as necessary.

The district has spent the last several years increasing our security measures throughout the district. The safety measures implemented included controlled access with a visitor management system, fencing, security cameras on our campuses and school buses and several other features.

I have directed all principals to review intruder/active shooter procedures, increase staff visibility, ensure doors/windows are locked and ask staff to maintain an increased awareness of any suspicious behavior and notify an administrator or School Resource Officer. I have also directed our administrators to share with our students that they can assist us in maintaining a high level of safety by informing an adult if they see or hear something that is suspicious or is a safety concern. I also encourage you to speak with your child(ren) to remind them of the severity of making threatening statements or posting inappropriate content on social media.

Please remember, we have student support services available at each location if your child(ren) needs to talk about how they are being affected by the recent events or any other issues.

The safety of our students and staff is incredibly important to us. We take all threats seriously and they will be investigated and handled in accordance with the district's Code of Conduct for students.

Thank you in advance for your support in ensuring the safety of our students as we Prepare Every Child Today for Tomorrow.