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Dear Parents/Guardians:

In light of the horrific school shooting in Florida, we have received calls and emails from concerned parents wanting to know what measures we are taking to keep DATA students and staff safe.

- We practice lockdown, shelter-in-place and evacuations drills according to the school site safety plan.
- We have security cameras located on the outside and inside of the building.
- We have a magnetic lock on the front door which requires anyone who wishes to enter to "buzz in".
- Visitors to our school are expected to check in at the front desk and wear a visitor's badge while on campus.
- We take seriously any threat or rumor of a threat to students, staff or school. We conduct immediate investigations, take the necessary disciplinary action and notify the Albuquerque Police Department.
- We do not discuss disciplinary actions because we are required by law to protect the privacy of all students, including those who may have made threats. However, we can say that students who make threats face disciplinary action that could include suspension and/or expulsion.

We have not received a direct threat towards DATA in the past weeks. We ask that our students and parents be diligent in reporting any threat to APD as well as DATA administration. You may call the front desk during school hours at 505-341-0888 x10. If it is after school hours, you may call or text administration at 505-270-4175 or 405-471-3163.

Again, the safety of students and staff is our priority, but we need your help. Please tell your student that spreading rumors or threats does not help the situation and may, in fact, hinder the investigation. Please tell them to report anything they see or hear to you, the police, and school administration.

Thank you,

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