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Dear LPS parents, employees, and community members,

Recent events remind us of the importance safety and security play in the role of a school district. Our thoughts and prayers are with those in our neighboring community who have been affected by yesterday's tragedy.

We wanted to take this opportunity to give you an overview of our security procedures. Immediately upon hearing of the events yesterday afternoon, LPS security alerted all building principals and the district's Emergency Response Team. Extra security patrols were in place at all district schools for the rest of the evening and continued this morning. All schools heightened their vigilance as the school day began today.

While it is impossible to guarantee that dangerous situations will never happen in and around our schools, please know that we have many preventative measures in place:

The most important thing we can do is be aware of who is in and around our schools.

1. All LPS schools have staff members in place for student supervision both inside and outside of our schools at the beginning and at the end of the school day.
2. All visitors to our schools are required to check in at the main office and receive a visitor's badge.
3. We stress to employees the importance of stopping individuals they do not know. Students, especially older ones, are asked to report any unidentified individuals to a teacher or other school official right away.
4. We are also taking extra care to keep non-essential doors locked. Schools have multiple entrances, but access is restricted at all times.
5. You as parents and neighbors of our schools can be very helpful by being aware of what is going on in and around our buildings and reporting unusual activity.

Littleton Public Schools has placed a priority on safety and security measures for many years.

1. Our district security system, which is currently one of the most advanced systems used in any school district in the nation, gives us the ability to know and see at any time—24 hours a day, seven days a week—what is happening around our schools.
2. We work closely with local law enforcement through the preparation of and drilling for various emergency responses and through our school resource officers to help keep our schools safe learning environments for our students. For example, our schools routinely practice both lockdowns and evacuations with the students and employees.

I cannot stress enough how seriously we take these issues. We hope this information assures you that not only do we share your concerns but that we have measures in place to keep students and employees as safe as we possibly can. Please contact me if you have questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Murphy", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Scott Murphy
Superintendent