Dear Parents:

At approximately 8:30 a.m., we began conducting a lockdown drill in our school. This is only a drill. For safety reasons, we did not provide prior notice of today's drill. The goals of lockdown drills are to improve our ability to protect students, save lives, and reduce injuries in the event of a crisis. When conducting these drills, we work closely with the local authorities to implement the best possible safety practices. This is the type of response we would engage should a situation arise that could jeopardize the physical safety of students and staff. Staff and students have been trained to wait for a police officer to release them in the event of a lockdown. This is the method we will use to release from the lockdown today.

In preparing this communication, I realize that even the mention of the word "lockdown" may introduce unwelcome thoughts and raise questions and concerns. I hope you will find the knowledge that we practice our response to crises to be reassuring. Please remind your child that concern regarding safety within our school should be immediately reported to an administrator or the police liaison. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me or any administrator.

Sincerely,

Tim Little Principal

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