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Peterson Families:

I am writing to inform you of a situation which occurred today and the follow up actions the school is taking regarding these incidents.

A student brought part of a weapon to school. Authorities were notified and took immediate action. As a precaution, the school was placed on lock down for approximately one hour. The entire building and property were methodically searched and no other objects were found.

The event is being investigated by CPD and will also be handled according to the CPS Student Code of Conduct. We want to assure you that there was never any threat to the physical well being of students or staff at the school.

The safety and security of your children is not taken lightly and we want to keep our parents and community informed of any safety issues that occur.

At Peterson Elementary, any actions which endanger student safety will be addressed swiftly and appropriately. My staff and I are deeply dedicated to creating first and foremost a safe environment for our kids. In addition to directly addressing those who bring weapons into our school environment, we are also committed to addressing those whose silence is complicit in endangering our children. We will not tolerate actions that jeopardize our students' safety and the culture we cultivate at Peterson.

During the course of the day, each advisory and homeroom met in order to reassure all students that they are safe and to commend students for their speedy and appropriate response to the lock down call. Both counselors and the social worker have been made available to any students who require additional processing or assistance.

If your family or child require any additional supports to help process anything, our counseling and social work services can be made available. We can also help connect you with additional resources within the community.

If you require any additional information or have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school or via email or phone.

Respectfully,

Adam Parrott-Sheffer