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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This morning as students were being dismissed off of buses there was an issue on a bus that was handled by the administrators and Officer Balling. The issue involved a student who brought a small key knife. Please note that there was no harm or threat to students or staff safety. In an effort to be transparent, we are sharing the facts of this matter with you.

Know that we take the safety of our faculty, staff and students very seriously and investigate every concerning situation. We follow our safety and security protocols everytime a concern is brought to our attention.

Our district and the police department will do everything within our power to ensure that our schools and surrounding community is and remains a safe and secure environment for our students and staff.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Claudia Panaro and Rob Ross