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Dear Johnston Public School Families:

I'm writing to update you on our efforts to maintain a safe environment for all of our schools. As you know, each of our schools has locked doors at all of the entrances. Our clerks have been instructed to communicate with all visitors prior to allowing them into the building via the intercom system. There are cameras at the entrances so visitors can be viewed prior to entering the building. Cameras have been installed in halls and at key locations at the Ferri Middle School and Johnston High School. We are in the process of setting up a system with the Johnston Police so that our cameras can also be monitored by their 24 hour surveillance. The district is fortunate to have two resource officers assigned to the middle and high school but can be called to assist at any of our buildings. Additionally, we have officers making checks of the other buildings at random times throughout the day.

Panic buttons have been installed at each of the main offices and we are in the process of researching the use of mobile panic buttons that allow immediate access to emergency responders. Each school practices lock down procedures at least twice a year. All teachers have been instructed to keep their classroom doors locked at all times so no one can enter the room from the corridors. Finally our elementary school yard gates have been secured as well to guard against any intruder.

The Johnston School Committee, the administration and staff are committed to keeping our school community safe. Mayor Polisena and the Johnston Police Department have pledged their support to keep our schools safe as well. We will continually evaluate and monitor our safety precautions and update them as necessary.

Sincerely,

Bernard Di Lullo, Jr.

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Superintendent

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The mission of the Johnston Public Schools, in partnership with the school community, is to provide students the education to become responsible citizens of the emerging global society by offering a rigorous and dynamic academic program which challenges all students to achieve high standards, become lifelong learners and lead self-fulfilling productive lives.
The Johnston Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, religion, national origin, color or handicap in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.