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RE: Soft Lockdown Follow-up

Dear North East Families,

We wanted a moment to thank you for your patience during our lockdown dismissal on Friday, May 6, 2022. I also want to thank our staff for going the extra mile to ensure our students were dismissed safely. We know things were not perfect and as always, we will continue to evaluate on how we can improve things for the future; however, given the timing of the occurrence, I am extremely proud of how my staff responded.

I wanted to provide a brief overview of the events. The district was notified that there was a bank robbery at approximately 1:54 p.m. We were notified that the suspect did not show a weapon; however, the suspect was still at large. The district went into an immediate soft lockdown (no one leaves, no one enters). Due to the fact the suspect was still at large and we had no idea where this individual was; for the safety of our students, the decision was made to move to a parent/guardian pick-up dismissal only.

As mentioned, the district will work with our intergovernmental agencies and will continue to analyze on how we can make improvements for the future. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office directly.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, faculty, and staff, I once again want to thank you for your patience and understanding in keeping our students and staff safe during this situation.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michele S. Hartzell, Superintendent