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Dear Lowell Families,

We are writing this letter to clarify any information that is circulating among students and parents and dispel any rumors or misunderstanding.

Late Tuesday evening, parents and students reported information concerning a threat to the high school principal. This led the administration, along with the Lane County Sheriff's Department, to begin an investigation. The law enforcement investigation found that a former student had made a threat concerning the principal. The student was subsequently taken into custody by the Lane County Sheriff's Department. To be clear, the former student made no threats towards the school or student body. The threat was isolated towards the principal.

We would have preferred to communicate information earlier in the evening however, the investigation did take time and we wanted to ensure that we communicated accurate information to the community.

School will be in session, and on a regular schedule, tomorrow. Because the suspect was taken into custody and there was not threat against the school, the Lane County Sheriff's Department did not feel that there is any continuing threat and extra law enforcement presence is not warranted.

Our first responsibility is always to the safety of your children! We take rumors and threats seriously. We would like to thank those who immediately contacted us when they heard the rumors. Please know that we will always investigate any threat, or rumor of threat, to the fullest extent possible.

Sincerely,

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