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Dear Tangent Families,

I want to share about the incident that occurred at the beginning of our school day this morning. As busses dropped off students, a student, a parent, and a staff member observed a man across the street from the school wearing a camouflage bulletproof vest and carrying a rifle. As there was no danger within the school walls, the school activated a lock out. (During a lock out, school carries on as usual though all external doors are locked and windows are covered. Individuals are not allowed to exit or enter until directed by law enforcement or the district office.)

The Linn County Sheriff's department promptly responded and removed the individual from the area. School resumed normal operations about 40 minutes after the lock out began.

Throughout the morning I kept in touch with Linn County Sheriff Jim Yon regarding the incident and next steps. As released by law enforcement, the individual was carrying a handgun and a rifle. I am grateful to Sheriff Yon and his partnership in our work to ensure a safe school environment for our children.

As the school day wraps up I want you to know we will continue to work with law enforcement as necessary to address this situation. To help reassure students, parents, and staff, I have directed our school SRO's (School Resource Officers) to be on campus at the end of the school day today and during arrival tomorrow morning.

Please know that your children and Tangent staff handled this day very well. Your child may want to share about their lockout experience. It is also possible that your child just has exciting stories from their learning today since staff moved on with a positive second day of school.

Sincerely,

Melissa Goff
Superintendent