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A Message from Superintendent Brown: Keeping Our Children Safe at Home and Online

Dear CAL SD Families and Community,

Our hearts continue to be with the students, families, and staff of Bend-La Pine Schools after the tragedy at Silver Rail Elementary. Events like this affect school communities across Oregon, including ours. If your child has questions or is feeling worried, please reach out to their teacher, our school counselor, or me. We are here to help.

I'm writing to share two safety resources that I ask every family to read.

Safe Firearm Storage at Home

Oregon's Governor has asked every school district to share information with families about storing firearms safely. Safe storage is one of the most effective ways to prevent accidents, suicide, and violence involving children and teens.

- Governor Kotek's Letter on Safe Firearm Storage
- Keep Kids Safe: Firearm Safety Guide for Oregon Parents and Caregivers

The basics are simple. Store firearms unloaded and locked, keep ammunition locked in a separate place, and keep keys and combinations away from children. It's also worth asking whether there are firearms in the other homes your child visits, and whether they are stored safely.

Online Exploitation of Children

The FBI has issued an open letter warning of a sharp increase in violent online networks, often called "764," that target children. These predators reach kids through messaging apps, social media, and gaming platforms. They often start by building trust or a romantic relationship, then pressure and threaten children into producing harmful content or hurting themselves or others. Any child can be targeted.

Please talk openly and often with your child about who they talk to online and which apps and games they use. Watch for these warning signs:

- Sudden withdrawal, irritability, or mood changes
- Changes in eating, sleeping, or appearance, including hiding parts of the body
- Unexplained cuts, scratches, burns, or other injuries
- Talking about death, suicide, or not being wanted
- Harm to pets or younger siblings
- Unexpected calls, texts, gifts, or packages for your child from unknown people
- Your child's personal information being posted online

If you suspect your child is being targeted, save all usernames, messages, and platform names, and report it right away:

- **FBI:** 1-800-CALL-FBI (1-800-225-5324) or tips.fbi.gov
- **FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center:** ic3.gov
- **Take It Down** (free help removing explicit images of minors from the internet): takeitdown.ncmec.org
- **In immediate danger:** call 911
- **If your child is in crisis:** call or text 988, the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

The safety of our students is a responsibility we share. Thank you for partnering with us to keep our children safe at school, at home, online, and everywhere in between.

With gratitude,

Heidi Brown
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