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SJO Parents/Guardians, Students, and Staff:

The purpose of this letter is to inform SJO parents/guardians, students, and staff of a situation that happened at the end of the school day today. We want to make everyone aware that this happened, as well as potentially dispel any rumors that may have started.

Our administration was informed after school today that there was a verbal altercation between two students in a classroom at the end of the school day that involved a student making a serious threat towards another student. It has been confirmed that this threatening comment was made only to the other student, and did not involve any threats towards to the school or any other students, nor were there any threats or comments made of any actions being taken at the school.

However, we always put student and staff safety at the forefront of everything we do at SJO, and feel that it is important that students, parents/guardians, and staff are made aware when we have situations occur that are centered around student and/or staff safety. We also want to reassure everyone that both the SJO Administration and the Champaign County Sheriff's Office have been involved with investigating this situation.

Even though there was no threat to the school, or even any threat of violence at the school, there will still be a few extra police officers patrolling tomorrow around SJO. We do this out of an abundance of caution, and if we're going to error, we want to error on the side of the safety and well-being of our students and staff.

Please understand that we cannot legally discuss any specific details regarding this situation other than what has been stated above. Thank you for your understanding with this. We will continue to have a heightened awareness to school safety every day, and swiftly address any issues which come to our attention that we feel interferes with the potential safety or well-being of the students and staff at SJO.

Sincerely,

Mr. Brooks
Superintendent
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