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St. Margaret of Scotland Families:

I am reaching out to give more information about today's soft lockdown and dismissal procedure. We had been monitoring the situation of an escaped convict in South County all morning. At 2:15pm, we were alerted that there was the possibility that the convict was in the area. After receiving that message, we moved into an immediate soft lockdown. This is a procedure in which students can move through the building freely, but are not allowed outside.

After instigating the soft lockdown, myself and our administrative team worked together to communicate with you via text alerts through FACTS, and we began devising a safe way to ensure all of our children were picked up by an adult.

I am extremely happy and proud of our faculty, staff, parents, and students who were able to adjust to the situation quickly as we changed our procedures to ensure the safety of our students.

School safety is always on the forefront of my mind. I will continue to look at our policies and procedures to ensure that we are using best practice for the safety of our students.

Once again, thank you for your quick responses to this situation. I ask that if you did not receive a text alert from FACTS, please be sure your information is up-to-date in FACTS or contact Chris Stephens so that we can make sure you are on the list.

I thank God that everyone made it home safely. Know that your children's safety is the center of our mission at St. Margaret of Scotland.

God Bless,

Patrick Holley