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Dear Parents/Guardians:

I want to communicate to all families and our school community that you may be hearing about numerous swatting calls occurring across the state today disrupting schools. Swatting is defined as the action or practice of making a prank call to emergency services in an attempt to bring about the dispatch of a large number of armed police officers to a particular address. A handful of schools and districts across Connecticut have been impacted. There are no known credible safety concerns, but we will continue to act in accordance with all training protocols that we have in place while monitoring the situation closely.

We have been in direct contact with the East Lyme Police Department and will continue communication with law enforcement throughout the remainder of the day. Administration and office staff are aware and prepared for any phone calls, and schools will maintain extra vigilance with visitors.

Again, none of these incidents have had any merit, but in a proactive manner to ensure safety for all we have heightened security measures and continue to monitor the situation accordingly. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,

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