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Dear GSA Families:

You may have heard that today in Maine there were a number of reports made to police departments claiming there were active shooters at their local high schools. All of the reports and threats made today have proven to be false. Included in the 10 or so schools was Ellsworth High School, which went into lockdown while law enforcement made sure all were well and that the report and threat were a hoax. GSA did not receive one of these threats. There is an ongoing investigation by federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to determine the source of the threats.

Upon learning of these reports and threats:

- I reached out to faculty and staff to alert them and reiterate that we would go into lockdown if we received a threat.
- I spoke with the Sheriff's Office to touch base and coordinate.
- I participated in a statewide video call for schools run by the Maine Information and Analysis Center (which coordinates crisis response in Maine) that shared the latest information and recommendations.

It is unfortunate that such things occur. Keeping our students and staff safe is always our top priority. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Timothy J. Seeley
Head of School