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Dear Families of the Philomath School District:

As superintendent of this amazing and resilient district, I want to take the opportunity to provide you with some clarity for the upcoming week. In light of recent media attention, related to social media statements made by a member of the Philomath School Board, I'd like to reassure you that we are taking every necessary measure to maintain a safe and secure environment for students. With hints at further media attention and possible protests, know that the safety of your children is paramount.

In partnership with the Philomath Police Department, we are actively monitoring all situations that come to our attention. At this time, there is no indication that would necessitate a change to the school schedule. Classes will proceed as planned, and we encourage students and parents to continue their regular routines. We are confident in the measures we have in place, and we believe that maintaining a sense of normalcy is beneficial for our students.

We are committed to keeping the lines of communication open with our school community. Should there be any changes or developments, we will provide updates in a timely and transparent manner. We encourage parents and guardians to reach out with any questions or concerns they may have. Our commitment to the safety of our students is unwavering, and we are dedicated to addressing any concerns promptly and effectively. We also continuously evaluate our safety protocols to ensure they meet the highest standards.

We appreciate the care and attention our community has shown during this time. It is the cooperation and trust between our schools, families, and local authorities that make our community strong. Together, we will continue to ensure that Philomath remains a safe and nurturing environment for all students.

For further inquiries, please contact 541-929-3169.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Susan Halliday,
Superintendent