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Dear ISAAC Family,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of an incident that occurred at ISAAC today and to provide reassurance regarding the actions taken by our school community.

This afternoon, an ISAAC student promptly notified school administration that another student was in possession of a weapon in their backpack. Upon receiving this notification, the school was placed into lockdown while the student in question and their belongings were immediately secured by me, our Director of Safety and Security, and the Assistant Director of School Security. Our response occurred within seconds of the notification. Moreover, the New London Police Department was also immediately notified and responded to the school to assist with the situation accordingly. As most of you know, we take matters involving the safety and security of our students and staff with the utmost seriousness. Our administrative and security teams acted swiftly and decisively to address the concern and ensure the safety of our ISAAC Family.

To stress the point, please know that the safety and security of our students and staff is the highest priority for ISAAC. It is vital for students to “SPEAK UP” when they see something unsafe. We ask families to speak with their child about the importance of saying something to a trusted adult as soon as possible when they see something that is unsafe. We also want our families to remind our students never to “joke” around about weapons, guns, etc. in school. With the rise of violence in public schools and colleges in the nation, we are always prepared to protect our most valuable assets, the students and staff members who work, learn, and grow at ISAAC.

As a reminder, students are encouraged to immediately contact school officials, parents, or police whenever an incident occurs inside or outside of the school building. In this case, our ISAAC Family came together to ensure that our school community was safe and secure. We are grateful to the students who continue to live our core values and beliefs about learning.

In summary, the safety and security of our students and staff will always be the highest priority for us at ISAAC. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Principal Alger or Assistant Principal DePino directly.

Sincerely,

Dr. Nicholas J. Spera
Executive Director