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Subject: Commitment to Student Safety and Security

Dear Community Members/Parents/Guardians,

As a Superintendent, the safety and security of our students is my utmost priority. I am pleased to share that Kent County Sheriff's Department, Kent ISD, and our local superintendents are unified in our commitment to creating a safe and secure environment for every student, every day.

This alignment reflects our shared belief that schools should be spaces where children can learn and grow without fear. To that end, we collaborate regularly to ensure that the highest standards of safety measures are implemented and maintained. Together, we assess our security protocols, provide training for staff, and develop proactive strategies to address potential concerns.

Some key aspects of our partnership include:

- Regular Communication: We meet routinely to discuss safety concerns, share updates, and coordinate our efforts.
- Emergency Preparedness: Through joint drills and planning, we ensure our staff, law enforcement, and first responders are ready to act swiftly in case of emergencies.
- Resource Sharing: Our partnership allows us to leverage resources such as School Resource
 Officers (SROs), mental health support, and training programs to create a comprehensive
 approach to safety.

We recognize that a culture of safety goes beyond physical measures. It also involves fostering an environment where students feel supported, valued, and connected. Through our continued collaboration, we aim to not only protect our students but also nurture their well-being.

We encourage open communication with our community as we work together to uphold these values. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions regarding school safety, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office, 616-241-4722.

Thank you for trusting us to care for your children and for supporting our ongoing efforts to make their school experience safe and enriching.

Sincerely,

Dr. Arnetta Thompson

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