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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

Following the precautionary lockdown on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> and the recent school shooting in Florida, the school district and Avon Police Department have been actively debriefing the situation. Additionally, current procedures have been reviewed for any possible revisions; actions that can be taken short-term and long-term to improve safety and security within the schools have been identified. As part of this joint work, we would like to share with you a few changes that you might notice:

- All students leaving the high school grounds during open periods are required to show their student identification upon leaving and re-entering the building.
- All parents and visitors are required to show a picture identification (e.g., driver's license), sign-in, and provide their destination.
- In the very near future, software will be installed in the schools and Central Office that will scan and process a picture time-expiring visitor identification badge. This software also conducts sex offender checks.
- Starting this week, the Avon Police Department will increase their community policing patrols at the schools for increased security and to build positive relationships between officers, students, staff, and families.

The district leadership and members of the Avon Police Department will continue dialogues with the Board of Education to ensure that the Board has the necessary information and knowledge when making decisions related to safety. Please note that the emergency response plans are not shared publically as it would potentially compromise the safety of our students and schools.

We are committed to working together to ensure the well-being of all of the students, staff, and families within our school community. With that said, we need your help in terms of reporting any suspicious activity you might encounter. These reports can be made to a school administrator, the district's confidential tip line (860-409-2187), or the Avon Police Department.

Sincerely,

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