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Subject: **School Safety**

To All LEUSD Students, Families and Staff:

In light of recent events, we would like to reassure our community of the District's commitment to student and staff safety. Providing a safe school environment for effective learning and healthy social-emotional interaction continues to be our priority.

School safety is implemented through a variety of emergency plans, including District wide training exercises, and drills. Regular fire, earthquake, and lockdown drills are mandated for every LEUSD school. In that regard, secondary school teachers, administrators, office personnel, and campus supervisors work closely with three contracted Riverside County Sheriff's Department School Resource Officers (SROs). Law enforcement tactical training has periodically occurred on some LEUSD school campus and facilities afterhours.

The District continues to assess student and staff safety through the work of the Safety Committee, site administration, and staff. We continue to reinforce campus check-in procedures and visitor protocols. LEUSD is furthering its efforts to secure classrooms by installing door thumb locks allowing the doors to be locked from the inside. In addition, the District is upgrading school surveillance cameras.

Students, parents, and families are the first line of communication regarding school safety. Remind your child to say something if s/he sees or hears something potentially dangerous or threatening. Any threats and/or concerns should be immediately reported to school site administration during school hours and local law enforcement during the evening or weekend hours.

If you have any questions about your school's safety plan, please contact your site administrator.

Again, we wish to reassure parents, students and stakeholders of LEUSD's active efforts to promote and maintain a safe school climate on every campus.

Sincerely,

Dr. Doug Kimberly
Superintendent