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Dear Viking Staff & Families,

I wanted to make you aware of a situation in schools across the state that you may hear about on the news or see on social media. Today several law enforcement agencies across the state received "swatting" calls to various high schools. A "swatting" call is a criminal harassment tactic of deceiving an emergency service (which is basically telling law enforcement there is an emergency and sending emergency personnel to a location where an emergency does not exist). Today, there were false calls about active shooters in school buildings. It appears the calls have been made in surrounding states the past few days and weeks, and today the calls were happening in Kansas.

At this time, this has not been an issue in our school district. We were notified today by the Kansas State Department of Education of this potential and have been in contact with local and county law enforcement. Should any threats be made, we will respond seriously and thoroughly, following all emergency protocols currently in place.

Again, there was no threat at Parsons Schools. Student and staff safety is always our top priority. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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