

# Ione School District #2

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Dear Parents and Community Members,

I am writing to inform you about an incident that occurred during a school field trip today to provide you with an update on the situation. It is important to note that all students involved are safe and have been returned to the school without any harm.

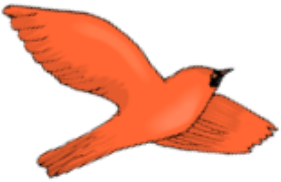
During the field trip, a group of students inadvertently took a wrong turn on a hiking trail, resulting in their separation from the main group at the end of the hike. We understand the concern and anxiety this may have caused for both the parents and the community, and we want to assure you that the safety and well-being of our students are of utmost importance to us.

Upon realizing the situation, our staff immediately initiated a search to locate the students. Through the dedicated efforts of our staff members and awareness of our students to return back on the same trail, all students were successfully located and reunited with the main group. We are grateful for the swift response and cooperation exhibited by everyone involved.

We want to emphasize that the safety protocols established for all school activities are a priority to Ione School District, and incidents like this serve as a reminder of the need to continually review and strengthen our safety measures. Our staff is currently undergoing a comprehensive debriefing process to identify any areas for improvement and to ensure that all necessary steps are taken to enhance our safety protocols. Rest assured, we are committed to making any necessary adjustments to prevent such incidents from occurring in the future.

In addition, we understand that some students and parents may have been affected by this incident, and we want to assure you that our school and counseling staff are prepared and available to offer support. If your child or you need to discuss the field trip or require any assistance, our staff members will be present at the school tomorrow to address any concerns and provide guidance.

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We sincerely apologize for any distress or inconvenience caused by this incident. The safety and security of our students remain our top priority, and we are fully committed to taking all necessary steps to prevent similar situations from happening again. We appreciate your understanding and support during this time.

If you have any further questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us directly. We value open communication with our parents and community members and will ensure that you are kept informed of any developments.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Sincerely,

Kevin Dinning  
Superintendent  
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