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Dear Newport Families,

We would like to inform you about an incident that occurred today at Newport Middle High School, which required the school to go into a shelter-in-place. We want to assure you that the safety and well-being of our students and staff are our top priorities, and we took immediate action to ensure their security.

This precautionary measure was implemented in response to a student's behavior, although we want to emphasize that no students or staff were in danger, and there were no weapons involved.

During the shelter-in-place, all exterior doors were locked, and students and staff were asked to remain inside their classrooms or designated areas. We understand that there may be questions and concerns about how this impacts your child's education. Even though students are asked to remain in their classrooms or designated areas, our dedicated teachers are still actively engaging students in educational activities. Lessons are being delivered in a modified format to accommodate the situation. Our staff is working diligently to ensure that instructional time is utilized effectively, while maintaining a safe and secure environment.

We recognize that disruptions to the regular school routine can be challenging for students, but we are committed to providing them with a positive learning experience even during these unforeseen circumstances. Our teachers and support staff are prepared to address any emotional or academic needs that may arise during the shelter-in-place period.

We understand that situations like these can cause concern among parents and guardians, but we want to assure you that our school remains a safe place for all students. We will continue to prioritize their safety and provide any necessary support or resources to address the situation.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school administration. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding during this time.

Donna, Superintendent