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Dear Armada Area School Families,

Last evening, we were tipped off by a parent that there was a break-in at a residence in our school district boundaries involving stolen firearms. The school district immediately reached out to law enforcement after receiving the tip. The legal authorities believe three teenagers, that were former students of Armada Area Schools, may have been involved in the theft. Two of the three teenagers were taken into custody, but a third teenager remains a person of interest and all stolen firearms have not been accounted for. I could not communicate specifics about this case last evening because we didn't want to interfere with the investigation. There were no threats made to anyone, but out of an abundance of caution, we made the decision to cancel school today.

At this time, we have not decided about having school tomorrow. The St. Clair Sheriff's Department does not feel comfortable about giving us clearance to open yet since there is still a third person of interest and not all firearms missing have been recovered. This is still an ongoing investigation, and the district will continue to err on the side of caution.

I want to thank the parent that gave us the tip last night. Working together, we will keep all our children safe. We will send out an instant alert later tonight or early in the morning on whether we will be open tomorrow.

If you have any questions, ideas, or concerns, my door is open. I can be reached via email at mmusary@armadaschools.org.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools