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Dear USD 350 School Community,

Over the weekend, there was a break-in at the school. There was broken glass and a bit of a mess to clean up before having students back in the building. The intruder left some graffiti on the walls as well. Some of the graffiti contained words that would be considered threatening in nature. Out of an abundance of caution, and to allow time to take care of the mess, school was cancelled on Monday, February 27th.

We have no information that would lead us to believe there is a specific plan for violence toward any individual or anyone here at school. However, we are taking this matter very seriously and are working closely with the St. John Police Department. The offender is a current student at USD 350 and is being disciplined in accordance with district policy.

Obviously this situation is concerning for parents and anyone involved with our schools. The safety of staff and students is always our top priority. We have a safety plan in place as well as tools like our Safe Defend system to protect staff and students. Through our investigation and consultation with the police department, we do not believe there is any imminent danger to staff or students. Even so, we have also asked for an increased police presence over the next few days to help students feel safe on campus.

School will be in session as scheduled tomorrow, February 28th.

Respectfully,

Josh Meyer, Superintendent

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