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Dear Energy Families,

You have received one letter from Energy today informing about a threat that was made by one of our students to others. Energy is taking this threat very seriously especially after last week's national school tragedy. HISD Superintendent Carranza sent out a community email last week stating that the safety of our students and staff is our top priority. The Energy campus could not agree more.

This letter is to inform you of Energy's current safety measures and our plans to put extra safety precautions in motion effective immediately. These immediate practices are being put in place at Energy to increase situational awareness and monitoring of students on the campus.

Effective starting Monday, February 19th:

- A staff member will be on duty at 7:20am until 7:45am in the outdoor passageway from the student parking lot to the entry walkway to the school.
- Each morning before school, an administrator will be standing inside our doors greeting students and parents walking into the building.
- A staff member and/or the school police officer will be present with our students who must exit the campus during the lunch hour for their internship programs.
- All visitors must buzz the front door for entry but will now be asked to identify themselves by name on the intercom by the receptionist and then the door will be opened.
- Visitors cannot enter through the back door by the teacher parking lot. Students will be reminded that they are NEVER to open doors for any visitors outside the school during school hours.
- As usual, teachers, deans and the police officer will be on duty and monitoring students during the lunch hour.
- As usual, several staff members will be assisting with dismissal and bus duty.
- Teachers have been asked to be extra conscientious when students might need to leave class to go to the restroom.
- Although we have had regular fire and intruder drills, we will conduct at least one intruder drill each month to keep students and staff aware and ready to respond in an emergency.
- Most importantly, over the next couple of weeks, we will have grade level assemblies with myself, the deans, our campus police officer and our school psychologist to help all students better understand when and how to define alarming behavior, report alarming behavior and get support from teachers and staff when needed.

On a personal note, as principal of Energy, after the tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, I have definitely noticed a higher degree of anxiety, misbehavior and sadness with our students as they deal with coping with this senseless act. Some are emotionally affected and fear for their own safety at school. I personally want you to know that your children are our children. We



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are aware you have entrusted us with their safety and we are exercising every precaution we can think of to keep them safe. We are also in communication with our psychological services department at the district level and are reaching out to create added supports as our needs arise. Please help us at home. Talk to your children often about what they are experiencing. As the superintendent urged in his community email, encourage your children to speak out if they see or hear anything that could pose a threat to safety.

I feel confident that we have a community of teachers, parents, students and administrators who are devoted to taking care of each other. My favorite saying at Energy is “make it a great day and make it a great day for someone else.” I am so proud to be a part of a school community who works together to think about who we are to each other. Please know that you can reach out to me directly if you have need to discuss safety on our campus.

Sincerely,

Lori Lambropoulos
Principal
Energy Institute High School