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Dear Heilicher and JCC Families and Staff:

The recent malfunctions of the Barry Family Campus' panic button alarm system reminded us all of the constant need to be vigilant and to take security very seriously. I want to assure you that as the owner and manager of the facility, Minneapolis Jewish Federation and its subsidiary, The Jewish Community Building Corporation, have a constant eye on creating as safe and secure environment as possible. Working with our wonderful partners at the JCRC of Minnesota and the Dakotas and our Campus tenants, we consistently aim to maintain and update security and safety practices and tools in this area. Security is a key component of the current community special Kadima Campaign precisely because we want to make sure these efforts are resourced now and into the future to the fullest extent possible.

I am able to report that the issues with the alarm were identified and have been fixed. We know that false alarms can cause unnecessary disturbances and undue worry, which is why we worked quickly and diligently to identify the issues and resolve them. Ideally, with this rare series of occurrences understood and addressed, we will continue to see smooth operations of our security systems. I want to thank the leadership of all of the institutions on the Campus for their assistance with getting that issue resolved, as well as for their constant efforts to help enhance the security on Campus.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James A. Cohen".

James A. Cohen