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Dear Sugar Land Middle School Parents and Guardians:

The safety of our students and staff is always the top priority. With that in mind, I am writing today to keep you updated about safety conversations going on at our school.

Within the last few days, we have heard from several students and parents who have contacted us regarding various comments they've heard or seen on social media and/or being sent through text messages. While none involved a threat against our school, I want you to know that we will always follow through on posts and messages involving student safety.

I also want you to be aware of the several safety measures we have in place to protect our students and staff.

- SLMS has a full-time FBISD police officer on campus
- Teachers and administrators monitor hallways during passing periods
- School safety drills, including fire and lockdown, are conducted on a regular basis
- The SLMS custodial staff and administrators provide maintenance for all exterior doors to ensure they stay locked and closed
- Students and staff are reminded and signs are posted to alert all visitors that exterior doors are to remain locked and should not be opened for anyone
- Counselors are available to meet with students

In addition to the measures taken by our staff to protect our students, we need your help. Below are a few ways you can help ensure your child's safety at school:

- Monitor your child's social media accounts on a regular and continual basis; this includes apps like KiK, SnapChat, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc., as well as text messages
- Remind your children of the consequences of posting or sharing threatening images or statements on social media or sending them through text messages
- Alert school administration and police officers if you notice anything suspicious or if your child tells you about anything of concern
- Maintain an open line of communication with your child

I also want to thank our parents and students for continuing these conversations and reporting what they hear so that appropriate actions may be taken. As a reminder, if you or your child hear something, the Fort Bend ISD Crime Stoppers program provides a safe and anonymous system to give information about criminal activity and threats, without fear of retaliation. To report information anonymously, call 281-491-TIPS. Students may also use the District's Talk Line (281-240-8255), which is a confidential helpline dedicated to the needs of our students.

I appreciate your continued support as we ensure a safe learning environment for all our students and staff.

Sincerely,
Keith Fickel
Principal