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Dear Titan Parents,

Today's weather event has been a tremendous challenge for everyone—parents, students, and staff. As always, safety remains our highest priority. A major part of providing that safety includes ensuring that any adult who comes to pick up a student from the school is a designated adult for that particular child (i.e. they are listed as a guardian, parent, or emergency contact in Skyward). The tremendous number of parents who arrived today to pick up their children early made this task difficult to accomplish in a timely manner. Moreover, due to the limited amount of space we have in our waiting area and a finite capacity to scan drivers' licenses and verify the identity of every adult, it is easy to understand why patience may be difficult to maintain. I realize many parents had to wait for extended periods of time, even out the front door, before being able to get their child(ren). I am proud of our front office staff who worked non-stop for several hours to accommodate every parent after verifying their identity, as well as for answering hundreds of telephone calls. I truly apologize for the extended wait and for limited parking. However, we will not compromise student safety in order to increase speed.

Our mission statement is all about creating a safe environment for every member of our community, and I appreciate your support and your understanding during this extremely challenging day. On behalf of everyone at SLMS, I hope that you and your family are safe and that you did not sustain any property damage or loss. Please stay tuned to local television/media outlets and the FBISD website for updates related to weather and school status.

Kindest regards,

Keith Fickel, Principal