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Dear PHS Families,

As a follow-up to the communications you received today, we would like to review what transpired.

PHS held a planned Alice/emergency drill that took place at 9:50 this morning. The drill successfully concluded at approximately 10:00 AM, and school operations returned to normal. An email about the drill was sent at approximately 10:15 AM.

Shortly after the drill concluded, the following occurred:

- At approximately 10:54 AM, as students began to change classes, a student reported that they heard a “gunshot” coming from a nearby neighborhood. Students on the path were instructed to return to their buildings. The police were called immediately.
- At approximately 10:56 AM, The following announcement was made “Due to an incident reported by staff members hearing a noise outside, the building is being placed on secure.” The police investigated the origin of the sound.
- At approximately 11:05 AM, an update was sent to staff using our electronic communication system.
- At approximately 11:20 AM, the police cleared the area, and a communication was sent to PHS parents and students.
- At approximately 11:25 AM, Principal Meadows made a follow-up announcement, informing the students and staff of what occurred, and the “secure” order was lifted.

As we shared previously, the police investigated and believe the sound was generated by landscaping equipment being used nearby.

We understand the stress and fear caused by incidents such as these. By all indications, this was a false alarm, but we commend the students and staff for their quick action and for following the safety plans we have in place. We would also like to thank Falls Township police for their quick response. They will remain on campus for the remainder of the day.

Sincerely,

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