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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Like many of you, I was shocked and saddened by the tragic school shooting yesterday at a Florida High School. I watched the news and shook my head, thinking about what, if anything, could have been done to prevent this from happening. As Principal at Liberty Saddleback, I worry for our Students and pray for their well-being especially now that our school has more teenagers as we have grown throughout the years. A couple of years back, the Washington Post published an article entitled, *"There's never been a safer time to be a kid in America"*. While this may be true, sometimes it doesn't feel that way (especially after yesterday).

As a Principal, I want all the parents to know that the safety of our students is my number one priority. LTS Saddleback has regular fire drills to prepare our students for that type of situation. These drills are designed to keep our students safe. This schedule listed below will be implemented as we move forward.

- Fire Drills are conducted once a month.
- Moving Forward, Soft Lock-Down Drills are to be practiced 3 times per year with our students. A "Soft Lock-Down" occurs when an incident happens near our campus, but there is no imminent danger to our students.
- Moving Forward, Hard Lock-Down Drills will be practiced 3 times per year with our students. A "Hard Lock-Down" is when there is an imminent threat on our campus.

Our teachers and staff have received training by the Cochise County Sheriff's Department on how to handle Lock-Down scenarios (ALICE Training) and luckily, this has never occurred at LTS Saddleback. In addition, our school will develop a Safety Committee that will meet Quarterly to review ways to improve the safety of our campus. If any parents have a concern, issue, or suggestion – please email me at oromero@ltsdouglas.org. I will return all emails within 24 hours.

Thank you,

Oscar Romero

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