Dear SFUSD families,

Earlier this week gunshots were fired in the school parking lot at dismissal time at June Jordan School for Equity (JJSE), and four students were physically injured. They are recovering. The assailants were not part of the school and appeared to be targeting one student -- there is no ongoing threat to students at JJSE. This isolated event, although awful, should not be viewed as a negative reflection on JJSE, an extremely safe school focused on caring relationships.

This terrible incident has shaken everyone in the community. While students at other schools were not directly impacted, we recognize that an event like this can bring up difficult feelings for you and your child. Please know that school staff is prepared to discuss these feelings with your child and provide additional support as needed.

All school staff remain alert to any potential threats to safety in our school district. The safety and security of the San Francisco Unified School District's students and staff is of utmost importance. SFUSD has a comprehensive crisis plan, and district administrators coordinate closely with city emergency management officials and law enforcement representatives to monitor and update plans on a regular basis.

In addition, schools have security measures to ensure the well-being of students and staff. These include: visitor check-in procedures, locked doors after the start of the school day, surveillance cameras, and school resource officer support.

How we notify you if there is a school emergency

If there is an emergency at your child's school or a citywide emergency that impacts your child's school, SFUSD will notify parents using the contact information in our student information system. Depending on the impact level of the emergency, we will attempt to reach you via a phone call and email using the information in our database, and, if you have opted in to receive text messages, you will receive text notifications as well.

If you do not receive a message it is likely because your current contact information has not been entered into the district's confidential student information system. We encourage you to check with your school site secretary or principal to ensure they have the most up to date contact information for you in SFUSD's student information system. This is the how, in the event of a school or citywide emergency, we can reach you immediately.

Notifications regarding high-impact emergencies will also be posted on the district's website sfusd.edu, Twitter account (@SFUnified) and shared with the media.

How to sign up for text notifications

If you have a mobile phone entered into our system, you will receive one prompt from SFUSD via SchoolMessenger asking you to opt in to receiving text messages. The message will only be sent one time from the number 67587 and will read: "*SFUSD alerts. Reply Y to confirm, HELP for info. Msg&data rates may apply. Msg freq varies. schoolmessenger.com/txt.*"

We encourage you to reply "Y" to receive text messages from SFUSD and your school, as it often makes for faster communication, which is crucial in the event of an emergency. However, if you do not wish to opt in, you can simply ignore the text message.

You will only receive this message one time, and if you do not reply "Y" to confirm, the district cannot send you future text notifications. **If you already received a text message and didn't reply but do want to receive urgent messages via text, you may still sign up by texting "YES" to the number 67587 from your mobile phone.** Please note, if you text this number and your mobile phone is not entered in the student information system, messages will not be sent to it.

More information about SFUSD's emergency notification procedures can be found here:
http://www.sfusd.edu/en/safety-and-emergency-plan/student-safety-and-parent-notification.html

Regards,
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