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Dear Parents & Families of East Scholars,

As you know, East has been receiving a lot of media attention over the last week because of the threat that was made against our school community. I am grateful that we had the appropriate protocols and procedures in place during the recent alleged threat, and I want to ensure you that nothing is more important than the safety and security of our scholars and staff. We commit, through daily measures, ongoing training, and frequently practiced drills that prepare us for many types of potential emergencies, to providing the safest school environment possible for our scholars to learn and grow.

School safety, however, is everyone's responsibility. This past week has been a reminder to all of us about the importance of maintaining the most up-to-date contact information for each of our parents/families. In the event of an emergency, we will continue to provide updates to you via our automated robo-call system. I strongly urge you to make sure that your contact information is accurate in our system. You can do this by contacting the **Lower School Main Office for grades 6-8 at 288-3130 xt. 4209 or the Upper School Main Office for grades 9-12 at 288-3130 xt. 2101**. You can also send your information via the Let's Talk application located on our website at <https://www.rcsdk12.org/domain/10192>.

You may also find timely and relevant information, as appropriate, on our following social media platforms and website:

**Twitter - @EastEpo**

**Facebook – East High School**

**East Website – [www.rcsdk12.org/East](http://www.rcsdk12.org/East)**

I would also like to bring your attention to some opportunities for becoming more engaged with East. There are several events coming up that you may wish to participate in. On **March 15 at 5:30 pm**, we will have our monthly Family & Community Engagement (FACE) Team meeting. This team is a leadership group that provides parents and community partners a voice in the school's decision making process.

On **March 23, from 8 - 11:30 am**, there will be a Family Forum held at East. This will be your opportunity to receive training with our community partners, on topics such as

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awareness of social media - monitoring and safety, restorative practices at school and at home, substance abuse - how to recognize the signs and get the right support, interpreting grades and other academic data, and much more! Breakfast will be provided, so join us if you are able.

Continuing to be involved through our parent engagement activities is a great way to ensure that you are aware of what is happening at the school. We welcome you to join us as we continue to keep East safe. Thank you for your support and trust in our school.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shaun Nelms". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Shaun" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Nelms".

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