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To: All Stakeholders

From: Shawn Walbecq, Principal 

Subject: Soft Lockdown/Shelter in Place

Good Afternoon All,

At approximately 9:35 am we were contacted by the Kayenta Police Department that there was a suspect at large in Kayenta and that we should go into a soft lockdown/shelter in place. What that means is that we secured every outside egress to the building including doors and windows, we took the extra measure to ensure that all inside doors were locked and shut and all blinds closed. We conducted school as normal with indoor recess, just no coming and going.

As a precaution at 12:45 pm we were told by the police to cancel after school activities and that is why an alert was sent then shortly after through OneCallNow.

At 1:10 pm we were given the all clear and we could lift the soft lockdown/shelter in place. Navajo Mountain was contacted, but they had already sent their students home as they have a half day on Wednesdays. The game will be rescheduled to a later date.

I want you to know that I always take student safety and security seriously and will always put your child's safety first and that is why I followed the police directives this morning and also canceled the games.

Thank you for your understanding and you can always reach me with any comments or concerns here at the school.

cc: Dr. Rena Yazzie, EPA  
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