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Dear Teller Parents and Guardians,

It has been a long 24 hours, but as you know by now, the “credible threat” to schools in the Denver metro area is over.

**Teller Elementary School will be open tomorrow and after school school activities will resume with heightened safety and security measures in place.**

Denver Public Schools (DPS) and the Denver Police Department (DPD) [announced](#) that we are working very closely this week to keep schools safe. Law enforcement officers from DPD and the DPS Department of Safety will have increased visibility of safety personnel on and around school campuses, including after school and athletics events.

These kinds of incidents are stressful for all of us, but especially for our students. Teller has a full-time school Psychologist who is available to support students. DPS’ crisis team will also be available to support any schools where a team needs additional support processing this event.

Denver Public Schools has compiled a [resources page](#) to help you talk to your child. When talking to children about events like the one we experienced today, here are some important points to remember:

1. Reassure children that they are safe.
2. Make time to talk.
3. Keep conversations age appropriate.
4. Review safety procedures.
5. Observe children’s emotional state.
6. Limit television viewing of these events.
7. Maintain a normal routine.

If your child has concerns, please encourage them to talk to a school staff member, call Safe2Tell at 1-877-542-7233 (SAFE) or visit <https://safe2tell.org>. You can also call the Department of Safety at 720-423-3911. Family and Community Helpline staff are also available to address concerns at 720-423-3054 or [FACE@dpsk12.org](mailto:FACE@dpsk12.org).

Additionally, to ensure the safety and security of all of our students and staff, please review Teller's visitor protocol and policy:

1. Entrance to the building will only be granted through the main entrance off of Garfield St. This is our single point of entry. If you try to enter the building at any other entrance, access will not be granted and you will be asked to use the main entrance.
2. All visitors must check-in and obtain a visitors badge. Even if you are here for a few minutes, this is required of all visitors. If you are in our building without a visitor badge, a staff member will direct you to the office to obtain a visitor badge. Additionally, if you notice an adult in the building without a visitors badge, please help ensure the safety of children by directing them to the office.
3. All Teller staff will have their DPS ID badges visible at all time.
4. During morning drop-off, staff members will be monitoring entrance to the building at all exterior doors. If parents/guardians would like to walk their students to class, they will be asked to sign-in at the door and obtain a visitor badge.
5. Breakfast is free to all students every morning and we encourage all students to eat in our cafeteria. Should parents/guardians want to join their student for breakfast, they must sign-in at the door and obtain a visitor badge.
6. After school enrichment pick-up is located at the front of our building near the auditorium doors. Parents are not allowed to enter the building for pickup; students will be brought outside.
7. Students who are being picked up during the day will only be released to authorized (designated in IC) individuals. If an adult is picking up a child and is not in IC as an authorized individual, he/she will not be released without permission from the legal guardian.

In regards to CMAS testing, building leaders have made the decision to not test our students tomorrow, Thursday, April 18, 2018, and we will resume testing on Friday, April 19, 2019. It is important for us to provide our students with the time and space to process this event. With that being said, Colorado Department of Education (CDE) has extended the testing window through Tuesday, April 30, 2019 to ensure schools have adequate time to complete all required testing.

We appreciate your ongoing support during this difficult times, and we are honored that you continue trust us as we are doing everything in our power to keep our children safe.

As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions and/or concerns.

Best,

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