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Greetings Parents,

The safety and security of the children attending our schools in Europe is a paramount concern for me and the employees in DoDDS-Europe. We all know that a stateside incident such as a school shooting often prompts parents to ask, "Can this happen here?" While we can never fully alleviate parent concerns, or absolutely guarantee that something like this could never happen here, please know that we are doing everything possible to ensure the safety and well-being of our students and staff.

Our school principals, security personnel, and local commanders implement measures to ensure student safety and they remain vigilant in monitoring these measures. Our goal is for all students to achieve high academic standards in a safe learning environment.

The news in the U.S. is filled with incidents of school violence, which is alarming, but it is important to remember that DoDDS-Europe has in place a network of policies and security procedures to ensure a safe learning environment.

DoDDS-Europe continues to enforce a no-tolerance policy regarding weapons of any sort in our schools, even toys or replicas.

In conjunction with the commands, DoDDS-E has also provided that student safety concerns are addressed for new and upcoming activities or student activities that have been planned. We will continue to evaluate and update our programs so that all students can enjoy a safe, positive school experience.

Thank you for your help and support of our efforts to accomplish this goal. High academic achievement in a safe learning environment is vital. Please feel free to contact me or anyone in the DoDDS-Europe management chain if you have any comments or suggestions.

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