



# North Monterey County Unified School District

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Dear North Monterey County Middle School Families,

Student safety is our number one priority, so we were devastated on Monday when a student was injured on our campus. Our administrators, teachers and support staff are trained to do an outstanding job responding appropriately, as they did on Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

As notified in our previous communication, via the school's website and the auto-dialer phone system on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 9:12 a.m., that our school went into a "shelter in place" to ensure the safety of students and staff and to allow the medical helicopter to safely land and airlift the student from the school's field. No other students were injured in the incident.

At 9:50 a.m. on Monday, the Sheriff Deputies, who responded to the school, assessed the campus with site administration and removed the "shelter in place," classes resumed. At 9:55 a.m., a second communication via the school's website and the auto-dialer system was sent out to parents stating "shelter in place" had been lifted, there were no further threats to students and classes had resumed.

All involved students are minors, so we are not able to comment in further detail on this incident or a disciplinary response. The incident is under investigation and appropriate disciplinary action will take place.

On Monday, there were several teachers, students and the Assistant Principal who were on a school field trip off campus. In addition, as the incident took place before school began, some students were on campus, others were just arriving to campus. When the "shelter-in-place" was implemented, students went into the nearest classroom lead by teachers and other staff to ensure they were safe. At this point, the first period attendance had not yet been taken, therefore teachers and staff had to conduct a different process to ensure each student was accounted for during the "shelter in place."

During and immediately following the incident, some parents/guardians chose to come to the school to sign out their student(s), while other parents decided to check in with their student(s) to determine if they wanted to return to class. Parents/guardians who chose to sign out their student(s) were asked to wait to do so. We apologize for the length of time this can take to ensure we are following proper protocol in reuniting students with their parents/guardians. The process to properly identify parents/guardians, locate their student(s), and escort student(s) to the front office to complete the sign out process was lengthened by not having students in their regular first period classes.

The requirement to sign a student out has been an established protocol that each school follows to ensure that each and every student is accounted for and appropriately signed out

by their parent/legal guardian. Please be reminded that no visitors are allowed to come on campus without going through the administration office and it is important that the school campus remains closed, secure and safe.

We take safety very seriously at North Monterey County Middle School and will not tolerate weapons or violence on our campus. Our schools counselors and school psychologists will continue to be on-site throughout the school week for any student and staff who requests support.

During an emergency, we encourage parents to check the school and district website and to check district electronic communication, because outside sources may not be accurate. We also invite current middle school parents to attend a meeting with the Superintendent, Principal and School Resource Officer on Tuesday, March 20 in the school cafeteria from 7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., where parents, students, and community members will dialogue about how we as a school community can ensure our students are safe on and off campus. This meeting will begin promptly after Open House classroom visitations; this meeting will focus on ways we can all work together to encourage students, parents and community members to speak up and be “upstanders.”

If you have any questions regarding this or any other safety matter, please feel free to contact the school Principal, Marisa Martinez at (831) 633- 3391 ext. 3103 or [marisa\\_martinez@nmcusd.org](mailto:marisa_martinez@nmcusd.org).

You are also encouraged to contact the Superintendent with any questions at 831-633-3343 ext. 1210 or [askthesuperintendent@nmcusd.org](mailto:askthesuperintendent@nmcusd.org).

If you would like to submit an anonymous tip, to inform us of any issue or rumor of violence, bullying, or regarding any other concerns, please use the “tip line” service on our website homepage or our District App.

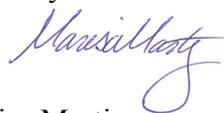
Thank you for your continued support of North Monterey County Middle School.

Sincerely



Kari Yeater  
Superintendent  
North Monterey County Unified School  
District

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Marisa Martinez  
Principal  
North Monterey County Middle School