



Riverside Public Schools

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We are providing this update on the security situation at Riverside Public Schools. We will have school tomorrow, Monday, November 5, 2018. Law enforcement has provided us with assurances that our students and staff are safe at school. We have asked both the State Patrol and our County Sheriffs' Offices to be present at school tomorrow. The school will continue to have increased security on campus and takes our obligation to keep students and staff safe very seriously.

At the Cedar site, all students should enter through the southwest multipurpose room doors. At the Spalding site all students should enter through the southeast lunchroom door. We will have counselors available for students, staff, and parents at both sites.

Obviously, we cannot share disciplinary or educational information about any specific student or group of students. However, we can share that the school has excluded all students involved with this situation on an emergency basis. The laws governing school records prohibit us from even identifying any involved student by name.

We are also extremely limited in what we can share about the criminal investigation. It is ongoing and involves the Spalding Police Department, the Nebraska State Patrol, the Nance County Sheriff's Office, the Boone County Sheriff's Office and the Greeley County Sheriff's Office. The school district is deeply grateful to these agencies for their prompt response and ongoing cooperation. Any further information about the criminal investigation will come from law enforcement. Members of the school community who have information relevant to the criminal investigation should contact one of those agencies. We have been directed by these agencies not to answer any questions about the criminal investigation.

The Board of Education will hold a special meeting tomorrow at 5:00 p.m. This meeting will not include public comment and we will be unable to answer any questions at the meeting. The main purpose of the meeting is to allow law enforcement to brief the board on the deployment of security personnel and devices, as well as for the board to receive legal advice. We have tried to be as open with our Riverside Public School community as allowed. We understand that this has been a difficult time for families who naturally have questions. We will

release as much information as we are allowed to give our community as soon as permitted. Thank you for your continued support.