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Dear Parents and Guardians,

There is nothing more important to us than the safety of your children...our students.

As a result of a threat made against our schools, the Board of Education and I directed all schools to close on Tuesday, December 15. This decision was not made lightly. We know that the situation disrupted the lives of millions across Los Angeles and beyond. When it comes to the well-being of your children, we will *never* take chances.

Thanks to the extraordinary effort by Los Angeles School Police and our law-enforcement partners, all L.A. Unified schools and charters have been inspected. Chief Steven Zipperman has given the all-clear for students to return to campus. Classes and after-school activities resume December 16.

We know that many of you have questions about how to support your students as it relates to this situation. The attached handout provides specific strategies you can use to help children manage stress during difficult times. For additional information about what occurred, visit www.lausd.net or call the LAUSD Information Hotline at (213) 241-2064.

We could not be more grateful for your understanding, trust, and support.

Sincerely,

Ramon C. Cortines
Superintendent of Schools