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Greetings Ferguson-Florissant Families and Community,

We have had a great start to the new school year, and I am excited about the opportunities for our students. Our team has been working to address student success on many fronts; however, we know that first and foremost students must be safe if they are to learn. In order to ensure student safety the district conducts many drills. As we saw repeatedly in the news last year, schools are not immune to violence, and just as we prepare students for a possible fire or tornado, we must prepare our students for the possibility of someone using a gun or other weapon on campus.

Wednesday, August 29, the District will conduct a full-scale active shooter drill at McCluer South-Berkeley. This drill will begin at approximately 8:00 a.m., continue throughout most of the school day, and end in time for students to return home as usual.

The Ferguson-Florissant School District safety and security team has been preparing for this drill in conjunction with local law enforcement. The drill will be led by members of law enforcement and trained FFSD staff. Students and staff will work through several scenarios and receive instruction on the 4E principles: Educate, Evade, Escape and Engage. Learning the 4E principles provides students and staff options in the event of an active shooter situation.

Leaders from our other District schools will be on site and participating in the activities. They will share information with their staff and students and prepare for future drills in our other schools.

I know how important clear communication is especially in a situation like this. With the heavy police presence for the drill, family and community members need to know that this is only a drill and our students and staff are not in danger. We are working to inform our community that this is only a drill. Please help us keep our community informed by sharing this information with friends and family especially those who live in or near McCluer South-Berkeley and its attendance area.

Working together as One District United we can provide our students a great, safe education that prepares them for college and beyond.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr. Joseph Davis". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dr. Joseph Davis
Superintendent