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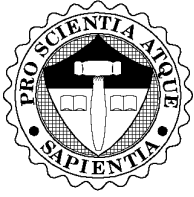
Dear Stuyvesant Families,

Our most important priority every single day is the safety and security of our students and staff. I do not take for granted when every member of our community is able to enter and leave school without incident each day, so we always take careful consideration in handling a variety of challenges when they arise. Every school year we practice the necessary and required safety drills to prepare both students and staff for cases of emergency. We take these drills and protocols very seriously because we know we must rely on every member to do their part to ensure our entire community remains safe. Every potential threat is a credible one until we confirm that it is not, which is why we practice and follow the procedures we are trained to do.

In my time at Stuyvesant, we have had to navigate a global pandemic, confront racial crimes and incidents across the city, handle anonymous phone calls declaring potential threats, and manage the daily uncertainties that could arise at any given time in the day. My responsibility and that of our team is to use our judgment and make decisions appropriate to possibly mitigate an unforeseen situation. The emergency protocols and procedures that we follow as outlined by the NYC DOE allow us to make the most informed decisions in scenarios that typically have incomplete information.

Last Wednesday, we had an emergency when we received an anonymous phone call for a potential threat. We quickly acted by collecting as much information as we had available and notifying key partners including our Safety Agents, NYPD, Manhattan Superintendent's office, and designated staff members to make the necessary decisions to respond. Once we had a preliminary response, we communicated internally with students and staff followed by outreach to our entire school community. We continued to respond accordingly as the situation unfolded and sent out updates both internally and externally. After confirming the potential threat was not credible, the school resumed with its regular schedule, but with additional precautions for dismissal and for after school/evening activities, which we communicated out as well. This incident is just one example of how we have responded to and managed a potential emergency.

As we proceed with the remainder of the year, I want to stress that our full attention is needed during emergency scenarios to make the best decisions possible on behalf of our school community. This is particularly true at the time of an emergency when we are initially collecting and evaluating the circumstances so that we can activate key personnel and move to immediate next steps. We send out communication immediately (and if applicable to the situation) after we have accurate information to send out so that families are informed. Therefore, it is imperative we have the time to fulfill our responsibilities to address the immediate situation so that we can then move to notifying families with updates.



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I ask for your continued cooperation and support as we work in partnership to maintain the safety and security of our school community. The responsibility and care of your young person is our highest priority, and we can only do our best work when we do so together with you.

Sincerely,

*Seung C. Yu*

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