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Tamaqua Area SD Families:

Unfortunate recent events across our country, such as the one in Georgia, cause conversations to take place in communities regarding the safety of students and staff during the school day. Many of the conversations focus on security methods and are with the best of intentions. These conversations are vital to preserving the well-being of all involved.

However, at times conversations occur, often through social media, that lack context and can be misunderstood. The district has had to recently investigate this type of situation. These types of communications can lead to anxiety and distress for students and parents. As I have in the past, I ask you to please talk to your children about the appropriate ways to discuss these incidents and the dangers in posting information that causes stress and concern. My hope is that the guidance you provide to your child will enable us to avoid unsubstantiated rumors that lead to disruptions in the educational process.

Rest assured that when we have in the past and do in the future, receive any information of this kind, we immediately work to protect students, investigate the situation, communicate with law enforcement and follow recommendations of experts in the field and respect best practice. We do so with the important responsibility of keeping our students and staff as safe as possible.

As always, I thank you for your willingness to talk with your children about responsible behavior and assure you of our commitment to school safety and security.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R. Kinder", written in a cursive style.

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