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DR. RODNEY PETERSON, PRINCIPAL

November 2, 2021

Dear MLK Parents,

We wanted to make you aware of an incident that took place at MLK College Prep today, that involved a student bringing a weapon to school. Thankfully—due to safety precautions we have in place—our security team was able to stop the student at the front of the building, preventing any potential problems.

While no one was harmed, we understand that this may cause concern for our parents. Please know that the safety of our students and staff will always be our top priority. We have several measures in place to ensure that we are continuously providing a safe learning environment.

We work closely with the Memphis Police Department, who was able to respond to the situation within minutes. Additionally, we have a school resource officer trained to handle situations including those that may occur like the one that happened at the school today.

Unfortunately, violence among our youth is a growing issue throughout the city of Memphis. While we do everything in our power to ensure the safety of our students, this is a problem that will require support from all of us—parents, community members, and of course our school staff. Our students deserve that commitment from us.

Understanding the concern of today's events, MPD will provide an additional layer of support to assist us as students and staff arrive for the school day and leave for dismissal.

As always thank you for allowing us to be partners in your child's education. Our commitment to our families is to provide a safe learning environment for all students. Please know that we will work tirelessly to ensure we fulfill that commitment.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please reach out to me, Dr. Rodney Peterson at **901-567-9224** or email: **rodney.peterson@fraysercs.org**.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Rodney Peterson*

Principal, MLK College Prep

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