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Dear Parents and Guardians,

In the wake of the recent tragic shooting at a school in Florida, I write to assure you that officials at every level of the Catholic school system of the Archdiocese of Baltimore are focused on ensuring that our schools are as safe as they can possibly be for your children and for faculty and staff.

Though we routinely review and strengthen safety protocols, we have initiated some important additional steps since the recent school shooting, including:

- Issuing a reminder from our Office of Risk Management to the heads of all Catholic schools reminding them of the emphasis we place on creating a culture within each school that takes every threat seriously, and the responsibility of everyone in the school community to say something if they see or know something of concern;*
- My calling for a system-wide review of every Archdiocesan school's safety procedures by the heads of our Facilities and Risk Management divisions, in conjunction with the Department of Catholic Education; and*
- Working closely with the Maryland Center for School Safety on both school safety and emergency preparedness.*

I hope this information reassures you of the high priority we place on the safety and well-being of your children. I greatly appreciate you entrusting us with not only the education of your child, but also their safety.

Thank you,

James B. Sellinger, Sr.
Chancellor of Education
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