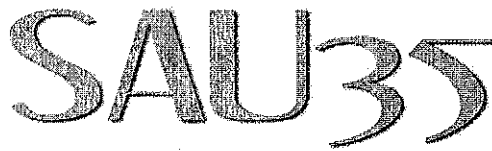


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Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

I hope this letter finds you well.

As our country reacts to the recent school shooting in Florida I want to address the situation as it relates to our schools in SAU 35.

School safety is a top priority for all school employees and our school boards. All of our schools have updated and approved Emergency Operation Plans, which help prepare us for emergencies. Our local Police Departments are involved with the development of these plans and our administrators routinely conduct school safety drills. All of our staff in SAU 35 recently attended training to prepare for situations involving intruders. The Department of Homeland Security has conducted safety assessments of our buildings and we have made changes to our buildings based on their recommendations. Our building entrances are secure with security entrance systems allowing us to regulate who enters the building. We feel we have done our best to provide a safe learning environment for your children. The next thing we need to do is to ask for help from our families, students and staff.

Statistics regarding school shootings indicate that in most cases the perpetrator told somebody what their plans were. Somebody knew about the shooting before it happened. We are asking everyone associated with the schools, students, teachers, support staff and parents to be mindful of what is happening in your communities and schools. If you are aware of a student whose behavior has changed, who is saying things that sounds dangerous, please report it. If you are a student, please find somebody you are comfortable with and tell them what you know. Our communities and schools are small enough that looking out for one another is possible, where one person speaking up can make a difference.

Working together we all can make our schools a safe place for our students and staff. If you have any questions, please contact me at (603) 444-3925.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pierre Couture".

Pierre Couture
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