



# ALL SAINTS ACADEMY

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your cooperation with this week's announcement of a "soft" lockdown. As a mother, but also as an educator who has been through actual lockdowns in public school, I am keenly aware of the anxiety a parent goes through when an alert is announced and you cannot be with your child.

I want to reassure you that the safety of every student is my top priority. As you are aware by now, the Webster Police Department did not notify the school of the activity on Robinson Street, because as the Deputy Chief explained to me, he deemed the activity to be location-specific and did not perceive a danger to All Saints Academy.

I was able express concern to the Deputy Chief that All Saints Academy should have been informed of the activity, rather than having to call to gather the information. I am well aware that in this day and age, information, whether accurate or not, travels quickly. With that understanding, it is important to know the facts before communicating to avoid confusion or misstatements. I communicated information to you in a timely manner, bearing in mind that my first priority was to communicate with teachers and students as events unfolded.

Deputy Chief Shaw has agreed that going forward All Saints Academy will be notified of police activity that could impact the safety of our children. We will be reviewing the school protocol with the faculty and staff, as well as the Board of Trustees and the Webster Police Department to be sure we are doing all that we can to ensure a collaborative approach with regards to safety and parent communication.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or email me.

Thank you for choosing to send your children to All Saints Academy and entrusting us with their education and well-being. We take that trust very seriously.

Yours in Christ,

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