



Chula Vista Elementary School District

**Ella B. Allen Elementary School**

*Together, we soar!*

**Mr. John E. Greenwell, Principal**

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Dear Parents and Guardians of Allen Elementary,

As you may be aware, rumors have been circulating within the community regarding the incidents at our local high and middle schools. The Chula Vista Elementary School District has been in contact with the Chula Vista Police Department since the beginning, and there was never any threat to our school. Our law enforcement agency deemed the incidents at our local high and middle schools unfounded.

Regardless, I want to take the time to remind our families that multiple measures have been taken to protect the safety and well-being of our students and staff at Allen Elementary, which include, but are not limited to:

- Our students and staff engage in evacuation drills and lockdown, secure campus, shelter-in-place, and bus evacuation drills. This is in addition to tabletop exercises and safety discussions that our staff participate in during staff meetings.
- We use drills, exercises, and real incidents as teachable moments, talking to students about important topics such as listening to adults, remaining calm, and reporting unsafe or unsettling behaviors.
- We invite the Chula Vista Police Department to participate in our emergency drills and exercises. They provide training and guidance on security topics when needed. They regularly visit our campus and are valued community partners.
- We assess our strengths and areas for improving security, safety, and emergency preparedness. A team of safety consultants recently visited our campus.
- We write goals and objectives to address the site needs through the Comprehensive School Safety Plan development process.
- We hold safety meetings every quarter and invite input from the community.

Everyone can play a vital role in making our schools safe by contacting school and law enforcement officials to make them aware of any potential danger that threatens our school. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

John Greenwell, M.S.Ed.

Principal, Ella B. Allen Elementary School