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Dear Parents/Guardians:

On Tuesday, January 20, an unfortunate incident occurred in one of our elementary schools. Two kindergarten students left school grounds without permission. The students were quickly recovered and the situation was immediately addressed by the school and the central office personnel.

Please be assured that student safety is the top priority in all of our schools. There are specific protocols, multiple check points and careful supervision in all aspects of the school program including the classroom, cafeteria, playground and after-school programs. In addition, we are presently reviewing all of our protocols and procedures to ensure this safety.

Please reinforce with your children that they should never leave their school unless they are accompanied by a supervising adult. Certainly, when children leave home, parents are aware of their leaving and they are always accompanied by an adult as appropriate. Children should understand that the same rule applies at school.

It is the responsibility of the school staff and parents to work together to ensure the safety of all of our children. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Fran Rabinowitz

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