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Dear WCS Community,

This afternoon, two students from Grissom Middle School came to Susick Elementary and reported they had been followed on foot by an adult male while they were walking home from school. The office staff at Susick took quick action to contact the Troy Police Department, who responded quickly to get information from the students, to check our property and the neighborhood around Susick for anyone matching the individual the students described. They did not find anyone and were on site during dismissal from Susick Elementary this afternoon.

I am so proud of these students for doing the right thing by going to a safe place and reporting this incident so quickly. Their action, along with the response from our staff and the Troy Police Department, allowed us to dismiss school safely. Both middle school students were released to their parents.

As an added precaution, the Troy police department will have extra patrols in the morning and afternoon around Susick Elementary.

The safety of our students is incredibly important to us. Regardless of how old your children are, it is important to talk with them about being aware of their surroundings. I would encourage you to take a few minutes this evening to talk with them about making sure they pay attention to what's happening around them to ensure their safety. A few tips for all students:

- If something or someone makes you scared to find a safe place
- Never share personal information with strangers
- Never go into people's homes or cars without a parent's permission

If you have questions, please contact your child's school.

Sincerely,

John C. Bernia, Jr., Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools