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WUS Families,

As you may be aware, on Tuesday, January 6th, a high school student experienced a medical emergency shortly after the start of the school day. During this incident, a lockdown lever was inadvertently pulled, rather than a Medical Emergency Response Team (MERT) button being activated. This action resulted in a district-wide lockdown affecting the high school, middle school, and Pine Street Elementary.

All buildings responded immediately and successfully sheltered within seconds of the alert being issued. While the cause of the lockdown was not ideal, we are extremely proud of the swift and appropriate actions taken by our staff and students. Several students demonstrated leadership by helping guide and support their peers during the response, which speaks volumes about our school community.

This incident provided an important opportunity to collaborate with local law enforcement to further strengthen our safety procedures and served as a valuable learning experience for our staff. Thanks to the quick thinking and actions of our staff, the student experiencing the medical emergency received prompt medical attention.

We want to clearly emphasize that at no time was there an active threat to students or staff.

We understand that lockdowns can be unsettling for families and can cause significant concern. Please know that the safety and well-being of our students and staff remain our highest priority. We sincerely appreciate your continued trust and support as we reflect on, learn, and strengthen our safety procedures.

Sincerely,

Tim Reeves
Superintendent, Wayland Union Schools