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To Garland ISD parents and guardians,

I want to inform you all of an incident that took place yesterday at the Curtis Culwell Center. As you may have seen in multiple media reports, a shooting occurred Sunday evening in the street outside the CCC. Two men exited a vehicle and began shooting. Garland ISD Security Officer Bruce Joiner was wounded in the ankle. Garland Police, who were on scene working at an event, returned fire at the two men, killing both. After being transported to a local hospital and treated, Security Officer Joiner was thankfully released last night. Our thoughts remain with him and his family.

Garland Police, in conjunction with other law enforcement agencies, secured the area around the Culwell Center and Naaman Forest High School overnight, allowing classes to be held on a normal schedule Monday. Additional officers and GISD Security were also present at NFHS throughout the day. While Advanced Placement testing at the CCC Monday was canceled, all exams scheduled the rest of the week will be held as planned. Missed exams will be made up at a later date.

Information will continue to be communicated as it becomes available. Rest assured, the security of students and staff remains the top priority of everyone in this district. We are committed to providing a safe school environment, which encourages teaching and learning.

I would also like to commend Garland Police for their exemplary efforts. Swift action and a skilled force ensured these two men were not able to carry out their intentions. We are lucky to have the support of area officers and an excellent working relationship with them.

Thank you,

Bob Morrison
Superintendent of Schools