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Dear Parents,

This morning I asked our staff to go into what we call a "soft lock-down". We had a medical emergency with a staff member on our second floor and wanted to give this person the privacy a situation like that needs and deserves.

A "soft" lock-down means that we close doors, put a black privacy strip on classroom windows and keep everyone in place until the situation is over. Our staff has been working with Marshall Howard to go over different potential situations within the school setting and responding appropriately using the assets our building, our staff and our students provide us.

Our students and staff this morning found the perfect balance between reacting to the emergency and responding thoughtfully to make sure all of the needs of adults and children were taken care of. Marshall Howard and Officer Greg Whitney will continue to work with us on common sense, safe responses to any potential situation we may encounter.

Please keep our staff member in your thoughts.

Thank you,
Beth