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TWIN PEAKS MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE

At 11:30 this morning Dr. John Collins, Superintendent of the Poway Unified School District, met with the media to give a brief statement and take questions.

I am very pleased to report that I was able to observe a very smooth opening of school this morning at Twin Peaks Middle School. We continue to have the support and presence of the Poway Sheriff's Department, and today counselors from our crisis support team and other District support staff will remain on campus to assist with any student or staff needs.

I have received reports that our attendance levels are fairly typical for a Monday morning, especially during the flu season that we are experiencing. There have been some parents who have indicated they are keeping their student home today because of the recent events, and while I do not have an exact count, I can assure you they are few in number. As I shared in my statements yesterday, we are continuing to work collaboratively with the Sheriff's Department on this matter, and any questions regarding their investigation should be directed to the Poway Sheriff's Department. Until their investigation is complete, we will not be releasing any specific information related to the incident. Our goal is to maintain a positive environment on the Twin Peaks campus to allow our students and staff to continue their daily work focused on student learning.

I want to thank those of you from the media who are here today, and to repeat my request from yesterday. While I understand the importance of media coverage in such an incident, I am requesting again that you assist us in our attempts to protect the rights of students and staff, and our obligation to maintain a positive learning environment. I appreciate your cooperation in directing your presence and inquiries here to our District Office, rather than the school.

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