

## **Roberts School District #5**

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December 16, 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Yesterday afternoon, I ordered all teachers and staff to implement our lockdown procedures due to a student's behavior. At 3:35 P.M., a student from the Roberts High School campus was yelling and using profane language and appeared to be agitated. I decided to implement a preventive lockdown as a precaution measure. I requested the police be dispatched to the school. Officers responded to the school within a few minutes.

While I did not feel students were in any kind of imminent danger, I did feel there was enough concern posed by this individual to increase the level of security of the school until he was removed from campus. I did not want the students and staff of Roberts School exposed to an agitated student using profanity and anger as well as demonstrating various threats to the safety of our school. In addition, to ensure the safety of our students, Roberts School will be in soft lockdown for Wednesday, December 16 and Thursday, December 17. Soft lockdown is a term that defines a protocol in a school to respond to a threat outside the school without immediate threat to the students inside the school. All entrances to the school will be locked. All classroom doors will remain locked with no students allowed in the hallways except transitional times between periods. Recesses will be held in the gym. Visitors to the school will need to call the school to enter the building.

We feel that open and clear communications with parents and students is important to enhance our safety efforts and wanted you to know about this incident. Please feel free to call me at (406) 445-2421 or <a href="mailto:ator@roberts.k12.mt.us">ator@roberts.k12.mt.us</a> if you have any questions about this or any other safety concern.

Respectfully,

Alex Ator Roberts Superintendent



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## **Telephone Announcement**

Our school is currently in soft lockdown. While we believe the threat to our school is very minimal, we are still implementing security procedures to ensure our school safety. We will be in soft lockdown for today and tomorrow. Soft lockdown includes that all entrances to the school will be locked. All classroom doors will remain locked with no students allowed in the hallways except transitional times between periods. Recesses will be held in the gym. Visitors to the school will need to call to enter the building

An information letter will be sent home to answer further questions. If you have any additional concerns, please call Alex Ator at (406) 445-2421 or <a href="mailto:ator@roberts.k12.mt.us">ator@roberts.k12.mt.us</a>.