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Dear South Gwinnett High Parents and Guardians,

I wanted to reach out to you to clear up some confusion about events at our school today. It is my understanding that there were reports in social media that our school was in a lockdown and also that the school was on fire. Neither of these statements are true. In terms of the report of a fire on campus, we did have a faulty fire alarm that went off while it was being repaired. In addition, we had two students who pulled two fire alarms located in hallways. While these alarms created a disruption, there was never a fire and our students were never in any danger. As for the reported lockdown, we did have two fights-- one involving two boys and another involving two girls-- that school staff addressed. We did receive police support in the form of School Resource Officers and our partners from Snellville City Police in our response as charges were filed against the students. That said, we were able to address this situation with these students in a timely manner. Because these fights occurred at a time when classes were to dismiss, we used an alternative method of changing classes. Rather than using our traditional bell system, we dismissed classes in areas of the building at different times to allow for better hallway traffic management. At no time were we in a lockdown as it was not necessary because the situation was under control.

I wanted to provide you with this information as I know that the information that appears on social media can spread quickly. I also want to reassure you that when incidents occur at South Gwinnett High School that we handle them quickly and efficiently, and that we will communicate with you if there are incidents that occur that affect our school. We appreciate your continued support of our school and students.

Regards,

Eric Thigpen,
Principal