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Office of the Principal

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Dear Cardinal Newman Families:

Since last evening, the Cardinal Newman leadership team and I have had the opportunity to listen to many members of our community. We heard first-hand about the pain and anxiety so many have experienced since news about the threatening videos were released on Friday.

The feedback we received has helped me reflect on what has occurred in the past several weeks. I realize now that I should have communicated with you immediately when I learned a violent threat had been made against our school community. For this, I take responsibility and offer my heartfelt apology. It is my hope and prayer to earn back your trust.

I want you as parents to feel confident that your children are safe on our entire school campus. We also want to assure you that we will be doing everything in our power to ensure that your children are treated with the respect and dignity which they deserve. I am currently working on a plan to enhance safety on school grounds and to address the issues of prejudice, racism and diversity; it will include parent involvement and insight. Over the next few days, I will continue to develop a preliminary plan for moving forward. It will include and be a product of input from parents and our broader school community. I will discuss the initial plans on the process of moving forward on Thursday night at the Town Hall meeting for parents and others in our Cardinal Newman community.

By working together, we will make Cardinal Newman a school that is safer, where diversity is embraced by all and where we reinforce the principle that racism will not be tolerated.

Christ's Peace,

Robert A. Loia

Principal