February 22, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This letter is to inform you of an incident that occurred today. I want to make sure you have accurate information and dispel any rumors you may have heard about the situation. Please be assured that the safety and well-being of your child is always foremost in everything we do.

This morning, our school went on heightened security because of police activity in the neighborhood. There were reports that shots were fired in the neighborhood outside of our building. Once the incident was over, I surveyed all of the classrooms and found one of our school windows had been hit and a bullet fragment was found in one of our classrooms. Police are investigating, and again, this is an incident that occurred outside of our building that did not involve our students.

I want to commend our teachers and staff for following all of the proper protocols to insure the safety of our students. No students were injured and all students are safe. We will have counselors on hand for students in the affected classroom.

As always, I want to ensure open lines of communication from the school, and if you have any questions about this incident, please do not hesitate to call us at (502) 485-8326.

Sincerely,

Venita Benboe Principal, Academy @ Shawnee