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Dear Burlington City School Community,

As we continue working through the community incident that occurred yesterday evening, our thoughts remain with those who were injured, their families, and everyone affected. We know that many families are feeling anxious this morning, particularly about students walking to school. We understand and respect those concerns.

All Burlington City Public Schools will remain on a two-hour delayed opening today, Tuesday, November 10. We are working closely with the Burlington City Police Department and taking additional steps to support the safety and well-being of our students and staff.

The following measures and supports will be in place today:

- Five School Law Enforcement Officers (SLEOs) will be assigned throughout the District, with additional police presence in and around our schools.
- The County Crisis Team will be on-site to provide counseling and social-emotional support to students and staff district-wide.
- Our school counselors, psychologists, and social workers will be available to provide additional support.
- Additional administrative support will be present in all buildings.
- Breakfast and lunch will be served at all schools.

Our goal is to welcome our students into a caring, supervised environment where trusted adults and support services are available to help them through a difficult day. At the same time, we recognize that each family must make the decision they believe is best for their child. **Any student absence today will be excused.** Please notify your child's school through the usual absence-reporting process.

All after-school clubs and student activities are canceled today. The after-school Child Care Program will remain open as scheduled.

This remains a fluid situation. We will continue to assess conditions with the Burlington City Police Department and communicate any further changes through ParentSquare. Please monitor these updates throughout the day.

In moments like these, we must come together with care, patience, and compassion. Our students, families, and staff need to know they are supported and that they do not have to navigate this alone. Thank you for looking out for one another and for working with us as we support our school community.

Sincerely,

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