Good Evening,

I am writing you this evening on behalf of concerned parents from [redacted] Elementary School. It has come to light that our children are not safe. Last Tuesday January 24th at [redacted] m a [redacted] student escaped [redacted] classroom for the [redacted] and was running from multiple aids [redacted] At the time coffee with the principal was happening in the MPR. More than 5 parents were there to witness this. [redacted] was then "captured" in between the office, MPR, and first grade hallway. There [redacted] proceeded to [redacted] our principal and Aids, and [redacted] the hallway [redacted] was in for over [redacted]. [redacted] by the 1st grade students [redacted] where they were destroyed. The carpet in the school was [redacted] surrounding the drinking fountain. A glass picture frame that is the size of a crib mattress was [redacted] by [redacted] The glass cabinet case that houses the knightly note prizes was [redacted] multiple times by [redacted] Some ones walkie talkie was taken by [redacted] and [redacted] for the whole school to hear. [redacted] told the principal to expletive suspend [redacted] was fully aware there were no consequences to [redacted] actions. During this time the teachers were told by a parent there helping to keep their kids from the office or nurse area. If there was an emergency to call the front office and someone would come get them and bring them a back way in by the teachers lounge. Multiple students who were brought to the nurses office had to be shielded and sung to loudly too protect little 5 year old ears and then closed into the nurses office to protect them. At one point the child [redacted] into the office area. There are window coverings that are supposed to be able to come down and block that area that are not in working order. A work order was put in for this after the Saugus High shooting and still nothing has been done. The kindergarten and 1st grade students had to be taken a different route to get their hot snack and lunch and it caused them fear and confusion. What us parents want to know is why [redacted] parents were not brought in. Why were the authorities not allowed to be called. Yes, not allowed. Unless the office staff is given permission they are not allowed to call the sheriff when they and other parents watch a child [redacted] adults on the school grounds, [redacted]

the staff and children at the school, and [redacted] the school property. After [redacted] the child then [redacted] enough to [redacted] to [redacted] classroom, where [redacted]. Why was [redacted] allowed to stay on campus? How was [redacted] not a threat to the rest of the student body. At one point a child was somehow able to get into the area where [redacted] was doing all this and was bear hugged out for [redacted] own safety. The school was essentially on lock down. Parents were not notified yet we are notified of lock down drills etc. What are the protocols? This was not handled correctly. Just another reason why these kids should not have been moved from a school site that was better equipped to handle situations like these. What are the protocols when an escalation from one student impacts the entire student body and disrupts their learning environment? How long is the disruption allowed to escalate before next steps are taken? Students were not able to access the office, nurses office, bathrooms in the 1st graders hallway (they were required to walk outside of their building to bathrooms on the other side of the school). Parents were not allowed to come in the front door. They were spoken to outside the teachers lounge at the front of the school. Why weren't parents notified of the situation? We have a responsibility to provide a safe learning environment where ALL kids can thrive and learn. Lastly there is new signage at the front of our school this week. It reads WE are responsible for the ENERGY we bring into this learning space. Saugus Union School District is a place of learning, respect, teamwork, and compassion. Your words have POWER. Your attitude and behavior MATTER. All students, parents, SUSD staff, and community members are VALUED in this learning space. We expect everyone on this campus to be treated with respect at all times. We are grateful for the trust you place in our schools and the opportunity to help your children thrive.

We do not trust our children are safe, respected, or thriving in an environment that can be held hostage by one individual and hidden from the parent body. How do we know this child who [redacted] won't bring a weapon on campus… what's next!?

Thank you for your time,

Concerned Parents of [redacted]