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Dear Estrella Parents and Students,

There are a few exciting new changes that we have implemented here at Estrella Mountain Elementary. As you may have noticed, we have added a much needed and requested Security Gate to our entrance near the front office. Our community, as well as our families here at school, have expressed that safety has been a concern in the Liberty Elementary School District. So therefore, a security gate has been installed to increase safety on all of our campuses. In conjunction with our local law enforcement, we have partnered with them to make our campus safer and we have made this a high priority. All visitors will now check in at the security gate and be buzzed in and prepared to be asked for an ID in order to gain access to our campus. Security cameras are also being installed to monitor our campus 24/7. This will further enhance our security system and will serve as a visual deterrent to unauthorized access or activity on our campus or facility parking lots.

In order to maintain this safe environment for our students and staff, our campus will now be a closed campus. This will be a transition for all of us as we strive to ensure safety for all. Only students will be allowed to walk on campus at any time. This includes the morning arrival and after school dismissal. Staff will be monitoring the gates to maintain this safety protocol. Any one that is requesting access to campus must request admittance in the front office, sign in, show ID, and receive a visitor's badge. Once it is verified that you are volunteering or have a meeting, you will be allowed on campus. Please keep in mind, this is for the security of our students, and we ask that you be patience as we make changes to reflect our new security policy and procedures.

The first day of school is Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, parents/guardians and guests will be allowed to walk on campus before and after school on this day only. Please stop by the front office if you should have any concerns. We appreciate your cooperation and support during our transition in making all of our campuses a safer place for our students, as well as for our staff.

Kindest Regards,

*Sharon Marine*

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