

## A MESSAGE FROM DR. MCFARLAND

October 2, 2018

Dear Crowley ISD family,

The safety of our students and staff is our top priority in Crowley ISD, and I want you to know about an incident that occurred within our community today that caused us to put one of our campuses, **Parkway Elementary School**, on lockdown as a precaution.

The **Fort Worth Police Department** responded to a domestic disturbance and possible standoff in a house across the street from Parkway Elementary School Tuesday morning. Out of an abundance of caution, police asked us to lock down the campus and temporarily move students and staff to the back portion of the school building – as far away from the scene as possible. **No other schools were put on lockdown by police**, but we closely monitored the situation to ensure the safety of all Crowley ISD campuses.

All Parkway students and staff were safe inside the school, in the back classrooms and hallways as a precautionary measure, while police officers responded to this incident. We were given the all-clear when police arrested the suspect, and students and staff returned to their normal locations for us to continue with the regular school day schedule.

I am very proud of the way the students, staff, parents and police responded to the situation today. Crowley ISD has comprehensive safety measures in place to protect everyone at every campus, and these procedures are followed across our entire school district.

We are committed to communicating with parents as frequently as possible during incidents like this. Please take this opportunity to make sure your child's school has your correct contact information in the Skyward system. I also encourage you to <u>download the CISD app</u> to receive immediate push notifications on your phone.

Thank you for your continued support of our students and staff.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael D. McFarland

Superintendent Crowley ISD