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Dear AHS Students and Families,

It was great to see all the students return to the school this morning. If we thought last year's hybrid opening was odd, today has made that a distant memory.

As you were informed by the Superintendent's office, during the first period of the day several teachers and one of our custodians detected a gas odor. After a quick check the decision was made to evacuate the school. The Avon Fire Department and Avon Police Department responded quickly and went to work to investigate the odor and to secure the school grounds, respectively.

The Connecticut Natural Gas Company worked closely with our fire department and determined there was an issue with a gas valve. The issue was resolved quickly, the gas lines were tested, and then the ventilation system was reset and tested to ensure air quality was safe. Once testing of the systems was complete, officials let us know the building was safe for use and we returned inside.

The students returned to their period 1 class, were again accounted for, and then informed over the PA system about what had occurred. Students then went through their remaining schedule, periods 3, 5, and 7 in order to find their room and meet their teacher.

It should come as no surprise to you that we are proud of how well the students handled the morning's events. They were calm and compliant. They made the situation much easier for all concerned. When directed to relocate, they did it without hesitation.

We are very appreciative of the assistance provided from the Central Office staff and the work of the AHS staff to support our students. We are also very grateful for the quick response and professionalism of our Avon Fire and Police Departments.

Sincerely,

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