



Dear Episcopal Collegiate Community,

As a follow-up to my January 13 email, we remain in contact with local law enforcement and city officials concerning potential civil disturbances connected to the Presidential Inauguration that could happen next week at the Arkansas State Capitol. Earlier today, the Little Rock Police Department released a statement providing a status of conditions as they stand now:

- While the Little Rock Police Department has received no local credible threats, it is actively preparing for any possible attempt of violence in the capital city. Additionally, the City of Little Rock has neither received nor approved requests for permits for protests or other events to coincide with the presidential inauguration. “Our police department will be at full force and has coordinated with local, state, and federal partners to ensure preparedness and vigilance,” said Police Chief Keith Humphrey.

This information is consistent with the intelligence that we have been receiving in the last few days. Currently, it is the opinion of local law enforcement that there is no evidence that indicates that the Episcopal Collegiate campus is at risk. Of course, we are several days away from the Inauguration, and things could change. Therefore, we will continue to closely monitor the situation over the weekend before making any final determinations regarding next week’s schedule.

We understand that many of you may have a heightened level of concern given the most recent events in Washington, DC, and would prefer to have answers regarding next week’s schedule right now. However, given the more positive assessments of local conditions that have been shared with us in the past few days, we believe that it is prudent to see how things unfold over the weekend. Therefore, we ask for your patience as we continue to work through this situation, assessing and analyzing the best and most timely intelligence from law enforcement. Our local partners have been responsive, and we have confidence in their guidance in helping us to make the most informed decisions for the safety of all on our campus.

As you know, our teachers are well prepared for students to work remotely during the pandemic, so your family is welcome at any time to contact your division administrator and take advantage of our remote learning option.

I will be back in contact with you on Monday.

Sincerely,
Steve Hickman
Interim Head of School