

## **A Thank You Regarding Safety Measures from an Alumna**

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*Good Afternoon Dr. Stringham,*

*I am sure you may not have heard what had happened yesterday on my campus. Yesterday we here at Mississippi State University had an active shooter situation. The police were able to apprehend the shooter within sixteen minutes of when it all began. Luckily, no one was hurt. However, it was terrifying not knowing where he was or what kind of weapon he had. In the end, it was discovered he did not have a weapon but he was still threatening to hurt many people.*

*I am sure you are wondering why I am emailing you and telling you this. I wanted to thank you for training the staff in the North Arlington School District on how to deal with active shooting incidents. It is because of all the drills that I was able to remain calm and make sure my residents were safe. It was because of the drills that I knew how to react without even thinking about it. It was because of the drills that I knew everyone, including myself, would be safe and out of harms way.*

*So thank you Dr. Stringham, it is because of how you trained your staff that I was able to keep myself and residents safe.*

*With best regards,*

*Beth Kowalczyk*