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To Whom It May Concern,

As a building principal in a previous district, I was unfortunate to have experienced a serious situation critical to the safety of my students. The incident involved a student bringing a loaded handgun into a classroom and showing it off to friends under the table. We were fortunate one student spoke up to let us know of the situation and we were successful in containing and eliminating the threat. We learned shortly after this incident of The Boot barricading system and promptly had it installed.

When I obtained the superintendent position in my current district, I was floored there were no barricading devices in any of our school buildings. I contacted the Lock Out Company and immediately discussed plans to install The Boot. I was pleasantly surprised, learning about The SmartBoot System that integrated LED lights with a voice "lock down" notification system. My board was also surprised when the cost of implementing this system could be paid off in 5 years with the savings generated by converting all of our T-8 florescent bulbs to LED lights district-wide.

Not long after installation, we received information regarding a student possibly having a bomb in a lunch box. We immediately called a "lockdown" using the boot system and were able to quickly vet the situation while everyone was safely locked down in their classrooms. We were glad to find out there was not a bomb and it was only hearsay on the part of students.

The SmartBoot System once deployed directs students to safe locations that have not been locked down. This allows students to have safe places to hide during a serious event. The system also directs law enforcement specifically to where the incident originated. This happens through a zoned placard system showing specific room numbers and colored zone locations.

Our school system is in a very rural location where law enforcement is not readily available on a moment's notice. Every second during a serious situation is critical for the safety of our students. Needless to say, the SmartBoot System is designed to provide a safe and secure location for our students until help can arrive. This system is designed to save lives!

Sincerely

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