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Fwd: Thank You

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Here is a kind email from a parent regarding the bus accident. I have also been called by the head of EMS praising our response. We had such amazing support during this difficult time.

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| Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire. WB Yeats

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From: **Kristi Mellon** <mellonk@smithville.k12.mo.us>

Date: Tue, Sep 13, 2022 at 6:29 PM

Subject: Fwd: Thank You

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I wanted to pass on this wonderful email from Monday's events. If I forgot anyone, please forward. Thank you all!

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Good afternoon Ms. Mellon.

I wanted to reach out and extend a very sincere Thank You, not only to you, but to the members of our school district and community, in response to the accident yesterday morning.

As a parent of two children on that bus, and being one of the first to arrive on the scene, it was not only gut-wrenching, but heart breaking as well, to see the fear in our childrens' eyes. I am also a nurse practitioner by trade, so I went into nurse mode, checking out kiddos to see if there were any serious/emergent injuries, but to then encounter support from leaders, within the school and district, on the scene as well (and very quickly), that really spoke volumes to me, as a parent and member of this community.

I also want to thank those, who are responsible for educating our children in how to respond in an emergent bus situation, because from a parents perspective, they nailed it. Without any adult guidance, those children assisted one another in

evacuating the bus and moving to an area of safety. When I would have expected my own child to fold in a panic, he stood tall, set his fears aside, and made sure to help out.

And lastly, to hear from you personally, later in the day, regarding the well being of my children, I can't thank you enough. It truly means everything, as a parent.

While a situation like this is never one we want to experience, all I can say is THANK YOU, from the bottom of my heart, to you and our district for responding with such grace and professionalism, with your primary focus being on our children. It makes me very proud to say that we are a part of this community and we are able to represent such an astounding school district.

Thank you again.

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