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Dear Trojan Family:

Last night, one of our students was injured in a shooting incident. I ask that you keep the injured student and his family in your thoughts and prayers. The recent incident does not reflect the values of the Virginia State University (VSU) community. At VSU, we are deeply committed to the safety of our students, employees and visitors.

As the President and the parent of a VSU student, I am saddened by the recent events that threaten the security of our campus. A positive college experience starts with our students and employees feeling safe on campus. The VSU administration and I have identified and are implementing additional security measures to further safeguard our campus. These measures include the following:

- Continue our increased police presence on campus;
- Collaborative patrols with Chesterfield Police Department;
- Additional lighting and security cameras;
- Plain clothes (undercover) and K-9 operations; and
- Zero tolerance crime enforcement will continue through our immediate suspension protocol.

Please understand that this is an active investigation. We will continue to update the University's social media platforms, the University's website and the media.

Virginia State University will continue to cooperate with Chesterfield County Police in the investigation. I ask that anyone with information should contact the Chesterfield County Police Department at 804.748.1251 or Crime Solvers at 804.748.0660 or [www.crimesolvers.net](http://www.crimesolvers.net).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping, sweeping strokes that form the name 'Makola M. Abdullah'.

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