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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Iowa Ammunition Plant has scheduled two controlled detonations for **Friday, November 20.**

Based on current weather forecasts, wind patterns on Friday are expected to move in a northerly direction, which should keep any dust or particulates away from our school. However, we are taking several proactive precautions to ensure our learning environment remains safe:

- **Active Weather Monitoring:** We will closely monitor wind speed and direction throughout the day on Friday.
- **Indoor Precautions:** If the wind shifts and places our school in the potential path of any dust, all students will be kept indoors for recess, physical education, and other activities.
- **Air Quality Protection:** Our HVAC systems are set to recirculation mode so that outside air is not being pulled into our buildings.
- **Playground Sanitation:** Should we be in the path of the dust from the detonations, our maintenance staff will thoroughly wash down all playground equipment before students are permitted to use it again.

We will continue to track the situation closely. Should there be any changes to the schedule or further adjustments needed for Friday, we will notify you immediately through our standard district communication channels.

Thank you for your continued trust, partnership, and support in keeping our school community safe. Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ketcham