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November 2, 2018

Dear Colleagues,

I extend my appreciation to Glendale College Police personnel, the City of Glendale Police and Fire personnel, and others at the College who responded quickly and effectively to the gas leak that occurred October 31 resulting in the evacuation of the Verdugo Campus, shutting down of power to the campus, and subsequent closure of the Verdugo Campus for all day and evening classes.

Fortunately there were no known injuries so this incident served as a valuable test of the GCC emergency response protocols and procedures. Chief Montecuello is working with his team to prepare an action report and to identify what went well and ways to improve our processes. He will report the findings to the college Safety Committee, chaired by Laura Matsumoto.

If you have observations and/or recommendations for improvements in the emergency notification and evacuation processes please communicate these directly to Chief Montecuello at garym@glendale.edu.

Also please understand that all employees of the college who were unable to work because of the Verdugo campus closure will be paid for their scheduled work time.

The safety and security of our students, staff, faculty, and public members throughout the college and its campuses and facilities are essential priorities. We will continue to assess what is working, where improvements need to be made, and how best to implement change that is identified. Throughout this ongoing process we will continue our close collaboration with the leaders of the Guild, CSEA, and college governance groups.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David Viar'.

David Viar
Superintendent/President