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Matthew Canfield  
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Dear Chief Canfield,

Thank you very much for your continued support of the Boys & Girls Club. As we continue to recover from the effects of the pandemic, I'm happy to report that enrollment is nearly back to levels last seen in early March 2020. **And I'm excited to share a couple of new initiatives.**

#### ***Safety and Parents' Role***

As a leader of a child-serving organization, my biggest threat is employing a person bent on doing them harm. The Club hired a consulting firm to evaluate our policies, practices and trainings around safety. We also formed a safety committee led by board member and former US Attorney Emily Rice. In many cases, our practices are now even more strict than those recommended by the State's licensing bureau.

It sounds obvious, but to our credit, parents trust the staff and teachers they see every day. We need parents to sound the alarm if something isn't right.

To help parents know what to look out for, we're currently distributing a video and other materials to caregivers, in which I discuss our policies against one-on-one interactions, gifts to specific members and interaction outside of Club walls. It also will be posted on our website. Let me know if you'd like to see it.

#### ***Continued Expansion***

You might have heard me say that I don't value growth just for growth's sake. Expanding into new communities creates opportunities for kids. It helps working parents and strengthens our organization so we can continue to serve the kids who need us most.

