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Student Plan Thwarted

For about a year a student has been on the radar for unusual behavior. (e.g., subject matter of class writing projects is troubling, staff aware of personal life disruptions, staff suspect mental health issues but have no formal knowledge of a diagnosis)

On Thursday morning a family member alerted college staff that the student spent the previous day perseverating on his suspicions/dislike of college staff and classmates. He left home early this morning and family is aware that some weapons (guns) are missing.

The student entered the parking lot and was stopped and questioned by local law enforcement. The student was found with guns and some other dangerous materials. He was taken into custody.

Please answer the following questions:

- ***What is the appropriate way to welcome and support students who may struggle with mental health issues and at the same time identify and restrict those who intend to do harm?***

(This is a fictional scenario used as part of a group learning activity on Keeping Students and Staff Safe on Campus)