

NORTH PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT R-1

North Park School District and Jackson County Sheriff Office Issues Statement on School Safety Preparedness Following Evergreen High School Incident

In light of the tragic events at Evergreen High School, we are issuing a shared statement to reassure our community that the safety of our students and staff remains our highest priority. Our thoughts are with the students, families, and staff of Evergreen High School.

While we are deeply saddened by this news, we want to inform our community about the proactive measures we have in place to prepare for and respond to critical incidents. Our district has a comprehensive safety plan that includes:

- **Robust Training and Drills:** Our staff and students regularly participate in drills, including lockdown and secure-the-building exercises, to ensure a coordinated and effective response in an emergency. These drills are conducted in close collaboration with JCSO and emergency services.
- **Emergency Alert App-** NPSD and JCSO have worked together to implement an emergency safety app which immediately alerts staff and JCSO to take action when needed such as a lockdown, hold, secured perimeter, evacuation, or shelter in place.
- **Strong Partnerships with First Responders:** We maintain a strong working relationship with the Jackson County Sheriff Department, North Park Fire District, and other agencies. This partnership allows for clear communication and a rapid, integrated response during a crisis.
- **Threat Assessment and Prevention:** We have protocols in place for assessing potential threats and intervening early to prevent violence. This includes encouraging students and staff to report any concerning behavior, as well as providing mental health support to those in need.
- **Facility Security:** We have implemented a variety of security measures within our buildings, including cameras, protective window film, controlled access points, and visitor sign-in procedures.

The safety of our school community is a shared responsibility. We encourage all parents and community members to reinforce with their children the importance of reporting any suspicious activity or concerning information to a trusted adult, whether it be a teacher, a principal, or a family member.

We will continue to review and refine our safety protocols in partnership with our JCSO and our community.

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