

MASSABESIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Hello Mustang Nation,

It has been a solid morning of welcoming students and staff back to the MHS campus. We are working through approaches to support our school community while being mindful of everyone experiencing things differently. This morning the following information was shared with students:

Opportunities for Students & Staff to show support:

- a. Wednesday, November 1st will be 'Wear Blue & White Day' in honor of the Lewiston community to show solidarity and support - (Lewiston HS school colors are Blue & White)
- b. We will be setting up a station in the main lobby for students to write Notes/Letters of Support throughout Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday. We will plan to distribute these notes/letters of support on Thursday/Friday to the Lewiston community (through the Lewiston Public School System). *Administration will be reviewing the notes/ letters to ensure appropriateness.*

Morning Announcements & Homeroom Talking Points:

- a. It is important to acknowledge the experience of recent days. What happened in Lewiston is a tragedy and it has impacted communities all across our state.
- b. School was called off out of an abundance of caution for the safety of all students, families, and staff.
- c. It is important to be mindful of official reports of the situation versus random and unofficial opinions online.
- d. Our Guidance Counselors & Social Workers are available for students who are experiencing challenges related to this tragedy.
- e. If you (students) are concerned for some of your friends or classmates please speak with our Guidance Counselors, Social Workers, or administrators.
- f. It is natural to want to talk about what has happened - this can be a way to process what is hard to understand. However, we must be respectful of the situation and those around us.
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- h. We will be setting up a station in the main lobby for students to write Notes/Letters of Support throughout Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday of this week. We will plan to distribute these notes/letters of support on Thursday/Friday to the Lewiston community (through the Lewiston Public School System).

Thank you,

Ty Thurlow, Principal