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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Staff,

Sadly, I am writing regarding the tragic elementary school shooting that happened today, May 24, 2022. My thoughts and prayers are with the community in Uvalde, Texas. Events such as this are heartbreaking and simply should not occur. We should expect that with more access to technology, our students, even younger ones, will likely hear of this horrific tragedy. As a result of this, we will have our Pupil Personnel Staff (school counselors, psychologists, and social workers) available should any of our students need to process this event with someone at school. Simply contact your child's principal or teacher and they will ensure that support is provided.

It is important to provide an opportunity for our students to discuss matters openly with a trusted adult. Therefore, I am sharing several resources that may help you have developmentally appropriate discussions with your child around this topic.

- National Association of School Psychologists, [Talking to Children about Violence](#).
- Sesame Street, [Talking to Young Children about Violence in the Community](#).
- Common Sense Media, [How to Talk to Your Children About School Shootings](#).

We have offered our assistance and support to our neighbors in Newtown. I can not imagine the trauma that has resurfaced because of this horrific tragedy. We continue to review our All-Hazards School Security and Safety Plan and regularly practice drills with our staff and students so they understand what to do in serious situations such as this.

As always, I want to thank you for your continued partnership with us. Please know that your child's and our staff's safety are of the utmost importance to us all. Again, do not hesitate to reach out should your family need any support.

Sincerely,

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