



MID VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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To the Mid Valley Community:

In light of recent acts of violence that have taken place in some of our nation's schools, we want to take this opportunity to express our sadness for those lost. We know that our students may be confused, scared and anxious after hearing and, in some cases, seeing these events unfold. Please know that our staff is available to discuss these issues.

Student safety and security is our top priority. We want to reassure students, parents, staff and the greater community that we are, and have been, committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment for all. Over the past several years, the district has been working with local law enforcement and emergency management agencies to continually revise and revamp our emergency and safety procedures and protocols. This ongoing communication and planning has allowed us to validate the effectiveness of our emergency preparedness. It has also allowed us to focus our efforts in areas that are in need of improvement. While we may not be able to share details or specifics of our plans, please know that they are in place.

With great thanks to the Throop Police, and our invaluable School Resource Officers, the district is able to receive first-hand knowledge, information and training in many areas of safety and emergency preparedness. We are also fortunate to have the expertise of police, fire and emergency response departments in Olyphant and Dickson City who also work with the district. The collaboration of all of these agencies is essential to our commitment to student safety and security.

In terms of collaboration, it is necessary for us, as a community, to work together in our efforts. We care deeply for all of our students. We also need your assistance as parents, guardians, and community members to maintain an open line of communication, especially if you know someone is hurting or struggling.

Lastly, if you are in need of resources to help you discuss these issues with your child or someone you love, please do not hesitate to contact your child's school.

Sincerely,

Patrick J. Sheehan, Superintendent

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