



DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

DCS Update - Oxford Schools

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Dear DCS Families and Staff,

As many of you may have already heard, there was an active shooter incident today at Oxford High School in Oakland County. Our thoughts and heartfelt condolences go out to the Oxford students, staff, families, and the entire Oxford community whose lives have been forever changed.

Today's events in Oxford are a sobering reminder of the possibility of such a tragedy occurring in any school. Please be assured that Dexter Community Schools has a comprehensive emergency response plan in place and regularly conducts preparedness drills throughout the year. The safety of our students and staff will always be our top priority.

Unfortunately, this type of incident has become all too common in American schools and schools around the world. Due to the close proximity of this event, the local news throughout the evening and over the coming days will be dominated by coverage of this incident. Immediate news reports and social media will share significant inaccurate information and the facts will likely take weeks or months to come to light. That being said, it is important that you talk with your children about this event in an age-appropriate manner. Most importantly, listen to your children and give them a chance to tell you how they are feeling. It is also important for parents and guardians to talk with and support each other.

Please know that it would not be uncommon for your child to behave and express themselves differently over the coming days. An incident like this can have a profound effect on students. Please feel free to contact your student's school if you have any specific concerns regarding your child. Our crisis teams, counselors, and social workers are available to support students as needed.

Please take some time tonight to give your kids a big hug and remind them how much you love them.

Take care of each other and please keep the families of the victims and the entire Oxford community in your thoughts, hearts, and prayers.

Sincerely,

Christopher Timmis, EdD

Superintendent