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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I write to you with sadness and a heavy heart after learning today about the school shooting in Uvalde, Texas. Our thoughts go out to all of those involved in this senseless tragedy. I want to reassure our school community that there is no local threat here in East Lyme. I have been in contact this evening with our Chief of Police, Michael Finkelstein and we both agree to have an increased police presence on our school grounds tomorrow to help reassure all staff, students, and families that our schools remain safe. I've also been in direct contact with our Security Director, Chris Olsen along with our administrators, who will work with the school security staff in each building to ensure continued vigilance remains in place.

The events of today may stir emotions in some of our students and staff. We will be prepared to provide support in any manner deemed necessary. Support for our school community remains paramount, and please feel free to reach out over the coming days if you have questions or concerns. The safety of our students and staff remains our number one priority.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey R. Newton
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