

May 31, 2022

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Staff:

It is difficult to put into words the anguish and sadness as we continue to think about the tremendous tragedy that took place at the Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. For many of us, this has brought back memories of the heartache nearly 10 years ago that occurred in Sandy Hook Elementary School. While our schools are primarily meant to be spaces where students can learn and grow to their potential, we also hold in the highest regard their safety and security.

Over the years the Region 14 Board of Education has supported our investment in School Resource Officers (SROs), continual safety drills, and safety assessments. Our vigilance and support of this must continue. Our SROs are POST certified police officers and have been trained in active shooter response protocols. They are overseen by the resident Troopers of both towns as well as the Superintendent and Building principals.

Our Safety committee is constantly reviewing district security and training efforts. The Safety committee consists of BOE members, Administration, state & local emergency personnel. All school doors are closed and locked. Access is limited and controlled by access control cards with video authentication. There are numerous other protocols and procedures in place. I would like to thank the Safety committee, administration, teachers, and maintenance staff that continue these efforts to keep our schools safe. As a reminder for everyone: if you see something, say something.

While the above efforts are essential for practice and preventative measures, we understand that recent tragedies weigh heavily on our hearts and stir memories. Please refer to the district's previous two communications regarding emotional support at school and in working with your children at home.

With Best Wishes,
George Bauer
on behalf of the Region 14 Board of Education