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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As a community our thoughts and prayers are with the families who have lost their children in the horrific tragedy at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida. As we try to make sense of this shocking event, I wanted to let you know the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff is our first priority.

Each of our schools have locked entrances and safety plans in place. We have a full time School Resource Officer and we hold monthly District Safety meetings with Administrators, the Police and Fire Department. These meetings focus school, district and community protocols in the event of an incident or emergency. This year all staff were trained in A.L.I.C.E., an Active Shooter Response Training.

It is our goal to ensure that all students are feeling emotionally safe in relation to the news about the Florida shooting. The videos and stories being repeated in the media are disturbing. Please reach out to any staff member should your son or daughter need additional supports during this difficult time. Please refer to guidance from the American Psychological Association for useful and practical help:

<http://www.apa.org/topics/violence/school-shooting.aspx>

Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions or concerns,

Kind Regards,
Ruthann Petrino-Goguen
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