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Dear Haldane Community,

The recent terrorist attacks in Israel have caused continued concern in our learning community. Our thoughts are with our students and staff who are impacted by these events. We remain committed to maintaining a safe and supportive learning environment and recognize that the continued conflict may create an increased sense of vulnerability for our students. Our faculty and staff remain attuned to our students' well-being during any classroom discussion about current events, and teachers have been provided with additional resources to help facilitate those conversations if they occur. As you speak with your child at home, you may find these resources helpful:

[Talking to Children about War](#)

[Supporting Youth Affected by the Violence in Israel and Gaza](#)

Today we became aware of various threats that have been circulating on social media that call for violence on Friday, October 13. I have been in contact with local law enforcement as well as our school security consultants who have reiterated that there is no known credible threat to our community. The Putnam County Sheriff's Office will increase patrols to our schools throughout the day tomorrow out of an abundance of caution.

Our clinical staff remains available should your family and/or your child need additional support:

[Renee Curry](#), Social Worker, HES

[Dawn Rossano](#), School Psychologist, K-12

[Analisa Aste](#), School Psychologist, K-12

[Kristen Amato](#), School Counselor, 6-9

[Amanda Cotchen](#), School Counselor, 10-12

[Scott Many](#), Social Worker, HHS

These remain turbulent times and reinforce the need for our children to have access to the care of their families and our staff. We know that through our collective efforts our children will continue to feel safe and supported. Please be sure to communicate with us should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Phil Benante, Ed.D.

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