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Dear Manhasset School Community,

Throughout the day, I have been in discussions with faculty, staff, and community members who are deeply impacted by the horrific events occurring in Israel. The images, videos, and stories being shared on the news and through social media are shocking and upsetting.

In this difficult time, our primary goal remains the well-being of our entire school community. As a District, we recognize the importance of fostering an environment where our students and staff know they are safe and supported.

Please know that our counseling staff is available to support anyone who has been directly or indirectly impacted by these events. Moreover, they are equipped to aid students who are having difficulty processing the distressing news they are seeing on various media outlets.

If your child is struggling and in need of assistance, please reach out to a member of our school counseling team. Please also see the resources below:

1. [Talking to Children About Violence: Tips for Families and Educators \(nasponline.org\)](https://www.nasponline.org/talking-to-children-about-violence-tips-for-families-and-educators)
2. [Proactive and Positive Parenting in the Aftermath of a Tragedy - Cognitive Behavior Institute \(papsychotherapy.org\)](https://www.papsychotherapy.org/proactive-and-positive-parenting-in-the-aftermath-of-a-tragedy-cognitive-behavior-institute)

Sincerely,

Dr. Gaurav Passi  
Superintendent of Schools