

# **BLIND BROOK-RYE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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## **Mental Health Supports and Parent Resources**

Dear Members of the Blind Brook Community,

Many people in the community are struggling with the terrible school shooting that occurred in Uvalde, Texas last week. It is difficult to imagine such a horrific thing happening to the most vulnerable members of our community.

We in the school district know how the stress and anxiety of events such as these can take a toll on our students. In the emails that our principals shared last week, it was stated that our mental health professionals are available for our staff and students at any time. I wanted to add that those professionals, as well as our administrators, have been proactively reaching out to students to make sure that they are feeling safe in our buildings. Our professionals have been pushing into classrooms and walking our buildings to see how our children are doing. We want to ensure that all of our students and staff are fully supported.

In addition to our students needing to be able to contact resources within the schools, it is also important that our parents be able to reach out and share concerns about our students. Please know that our counselors, psychologists, social workers and administrators are happy to speak with parents on any thoughts that they may have in regards to their children's safety and well-being. If a parent feels that their child needs additional support to navigate these troubled times I ask them to reach out to the professionals in our schools. We are here to help!

As we move into the final weeks of this school year my greatest wish is for our students and staff to have a quiet and happy June!

Sincerely,

Colin Byrne  
Interim Superintendent of Schools