



**UTICA
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SCHOOLS**

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Dear UCS Staff and Families,

Communities across the country are recognizing this week, October 19-23, as Safe Schools Week. In light of the tragic events in Oregon, we want to reach out to families and staff to reinforce the communitywide commitment to safe learning environments and our year-round work to support our schools.

Safety remains a top priority for our community. The partnerships we have developed keep us constantly focused on maintaining safety in Utica Community Schools. This includes sharing of best practices, supporting the training of staff, sharing information on building designs and implementing effective strategies, such as the role of School Resource Officers and School Security Officers.

Essential to this work is your support. We have great kids in Utica Community Schools. We want them to know that they are growing in a community that is united in making sure they are safe, happy and healthy. That means all of us need to continue working together to make sure they are making good decisions on-line and in our classrooms. We also want to reinforce the importance of the safe storage laws in Michigan to prevent unauthorized access to firearms, especially minors. This information and our school safety information is outlined on the [UCS website](#). There is also information for families on talking to your children.

We are proud to serve a community that has such high expectations for students and a commitment to healthy and safe neighborhoods. Thank you for your continued partnership.

Sincerely,

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Macomb County Sheriff

Andrew Satterfield
Sterling Heights Chief of Police

Robert Sheldahl
Shelby Township Chief of Police

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