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Good morning Wyandanch families,

We were emotionally shattered and distraught to learn of the horrible mass shooting at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas on Tuesday afternoon. This is yet another alarming and senseless act of violence, as many of us are still processing our shock at the tragedy in Buffalo less than two weeks ago. Our hearts are with everyone in Uvalde, Texas, and most especially with the families who have suffered such unthinkable loss.

As your superintendent, I want to let you know that the Suffolk County Police Department will be enhancing their patrols around all schools. There have been no threats to our schools, and we appreciate their partnership in keeping our schools safe.

Additionally, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the safety of our scholars and staff is our top priority. We are continuously adding additional security measures and upgrading our security system to include new cameras and wireless door locks. We consistently partner with SCPD and Homeland Security to engage in emergency response plan development and emergency response drills. We will continue to work with our Director of School Safety, as well as our School Resource Officer to evaluate and update these measures.

We must all work to remain vigilant. If you see something - please say something. It is imperative that we report any and all safety concerns. I would like to remind you that all middle school scholars, high school scholars, and school staff across the district are required to wear their identification badges at all times while on school property. If your child has lost their identification badge, please remind them to see their school's lead security officer to have a new one made. School staff should reach out directly to the technology department.

If you have any additional concerns pertaining to the safety of our schools, students, staff, or faculty, please contact our Director of School Safety, Mr. Okpala at jokpala@wufsd.net

We understand this horrific situation is being discussed and shared everywhere. As such, we are anticipating our scholars may have a difficult time in the upcoming days. If your child needs to speak with one of our social workers, psychologists, or guidance counselors, please do not hesitate to contact your building principal or school support team so that we can ensure a member of our team is available to speak with you or your child.

We would like to provide these resources for parents and guardians to help talk with your children at home about incidents such as these:

- [Helping children cope with frightening news](#)
- [Helping Children Cope - Spanish](#)
- [Talking to children about violence: Tips for parents and teachers](#)
- [Talking to Children About Violence - Spanish](#)

As always, thank you for your continued support. Please keep the family and friends of Uvalde, Texas, as well as Buffalo, in your thoughts.

Honored to be your superintendent,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dr. Gina Talbert".

Dr. Gina Talbert