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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are mindful of the families, the community members and the school personnel who continue to endure Friday's tragic events in Newtown, Connecticut. Like the rest of the country, we join in emotional solidarity with everyone in the Newtown community.

As school employees and as parents, we may experience a strong reaction to the events in Connecticut. We would like to extend several thoughts to you and our entire community during this traumatic time.

As parents, teachers and staff members, we recognize that our students may experience deep reactions. Be aware of any behavioral or emotional changes in your children and students. Each of our schools has social workers, psychologists and guidance counselors ready and able to provide assistance to anyone in need.

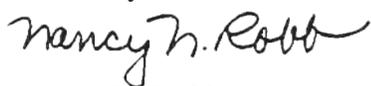
Particularly moving were the accounts from teachers who took courageous actions to protect their students from harm and to assure them during this extreme crisis. It is our genuine care for students and our personal calling to help others that may deepen the emotional reaction we experience. It is this same care and commitment to students in our classrooms, our programs, our extracurricular activities and our services that make our schools the wonderful places that they are for students. Though we mourn with the rest of the nation, our care and support remain strong for those we serve.

Every moment has something to teach us. We continually examine ways to improve and ensure safety in our schools. District 211 will continue to work closely with local police and fire departments to help our staff members refine and advance our safety and emergency response procedures.

The schools in District 211 already have many comprehensive safety practices and measures in place. Each high school has a police officer stationed in the school. Doors to the schools are locked to prevent entry except for limited entrance points. All visitors, staff members and students wear identification cards in the school. In addition, each school has a designated "hotline" number and email address where individuals can report any concerns. Student safety will continue to be a priority now and into the future.

Let us be supportive of our students and each other during this time.

Sincerely,



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