



Orange Township Public Schools

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Greetings Orange Township Public School District Staff, Families, and Caregivers,

I am hopeful this communication finds you well. I write this letter to you today regarding the recent school shooting in Uvalde, Texas. I am certain that we all feel that this event was devastating to the community of Uvalde, Texas but has touched every sector of the United States. In times like this, we come together as one. Certainly, in Orange, we stand united and will do as such during this trying time.

As always, the health and safety of all students and staff that enter our doors is our top priority. The district administration met last evening with the head of security to ensure that all safety procedures continue to be enforced. Further, communication went out to school leadership regarding the importance of security protocols and safety.

As a district, continued reminders about egress doors as well as security checks have been a focal point in the Superintendent's Weekly to all district and school level administrators. All visitors will continue to sign into all district facilities to maintain safety protocols. Further, for the programs during the evenings, the district reached out to all that rent our facilities and reiterated the same.

Our school social workers and guidance counselors are on standby should any students or staff member need extra support during this time. The importance of providing a safe outlet for our school community to mention concerns is quite important and vital.

Throughout the course of this year, the reopeningofschools@orange.k12.nj.us email has remained intact in order to answer questions that you may have during this time. While email responses are often returned within hours of receipt, please allow 24-48 hours for an email response. The district wants you to hear from us with any and all questions that you have. No question is too large or not important; therefore, we are here for each of you.

In closing, I thank you for your belief and trust in our school district. I will always update the school community to keep everyone abreast.

Educationally yours,

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