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Dear Students, Parents and Community Members of Region One,

Once again, a community and our nation suffers with another tragic shooting. While it is difficult for adults to comprehend why we cannot change this course of senseless events, one can only imagine how children will be affected.

The safety of our students is our greatest priority. Through the relationships that we create with students, we show them to know adults care. We have ongoing discussions in our schools to emphasize that students are our top priority, that we are here for them at all times, and that school is a place where they can be safe and secure.

We are always available to support all of our students. Counselors and administrators in each of our schools are available for any student or family that requests additional support. If you believe that your child will need additional counseling services during this time, please contact your school administrator or counselor to let us know. Everyone is here to listen and to help. We will communicate directly with parents and guardians, if we know of any students who are having difficulty processing the tragic events of yesterday.

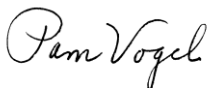
For information about how best to talk to your children, here are some resources:

<http://www.apa.org/topics/violence/school-shooting.aspx>

<http://www.apa.org/helpcenter/aftermath.aspx>

We appreciate the help and guidance you provide to your children, as we all attempt to process these tragedies. Let us work together and create hope that we can end these senseless acts of violence.

With Sincerity,



Dr. Pam Vogel, Superintendent