



Lake Orion Community Schools

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Dear Lake Orion Community,

There's no easy way to start this communication because any way we start it, or finish it, or anything in the details cannot ease our fear, concern, or anger. What happened Wednesday in Parkland, Florida is our worst nightmare.

Despite being hundreds of miles away, we grieve with the families affected by this tragedy. We also fear that this could happen anywhere.

As school administrators, these are constant thoughts, not only when these tragedies occur, but every day. That's why I want to share with you what we're doing about it.

In the beginning of the school year, local law enforcement presented our leadership team with critical incident training. Over the past month, nearly all of our staff has experienced a modern training procedure, to intensely pursue this issue.

Earlier this school year, we sent select staff members to a multi-day training in the techniques and procedures developed by law enforcement to respond to critical incidents such as the one that occurred in Florida. Those district employees have now guided our staff at every building and have tailored the procedures specifically for our school district. This is all-encompassing, as even our school board members are being trained.

We are also assessing our facilities and our procedures and will bring students into the fold, with age-appropriate preparation.

These are not easy conversations; not from us to you, not from you to your children, but they are critical. We're equipping our staff to be prepared for the worst, while their daily job pushes for our students' best.

We will also be conducting a public training session for parents or anyone interested in learning the techniques, which apply throughout society.

Even in our professional roles, we still care like parents, because most of us are. Wednesday ended the same way for us, with an extra hug and kiss for our children and grandchildren, an extra "I love you" in the morning, and the thoughts about what we can do to have so many more of those.

Every decision we make is to protect and nurture your children. We hope by sharing our process with you, there's reassurance that your child's safety is our top priority every day.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marion Ginopolis', written in a cursive style.

Marion Ginopolis
Superintendent



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