



May 25, 2022

Dear Antioch CCSD 34 Families and Staff,

As we close out and celebrate these last couple of days of this school year, I know that we are all thinking about the students, staff, and families in Uvalde, Texas, as well. The tragic and senseless loss of young lives and educators is deeply saddening.

Student and staff safety has been and will continue to be our primary commitment. We strive to foster, maintain, and ensure an environment that prioritizes the physical and emotional safety and wellness of all of our stakeholders. Today, we wanted to reach out to offer our support and provide some resources for you and your families.

While we will not be initiating conversations regarding this tragedy in our classrooms today or tomorrow, we are prepared to support students, staff, and families in the coming days. If you or your student need any kind of assistance, please reach out to a member of our team. Our staff will remain visible and vigilant, and we stand ready to listen, comfort, process, and console, if and when called upon.

Please know that we bring to bear, every day, our full slate of resources to support students, address needs, and focus on the safe operations of our learning environment. If you or someone you know needs help, please ask. If you see something, please say something.

Our communities and district are blessed with amazing police departments and first responders. We remain in constant communication with them (including today) and work incredibly closely together. We value the service of and partnership with all of our first responders. Please know that today and tomorrow, our local police departments will be on our campuses and in our buildings with increased patrols and walk throughs. We greatly appreciate their support and vigilance.

Lastly, we wanted to provide a few resources for your families. Here are some that our team has put together:

- [15 Tips for Talking with Children About Violence](#)
- [Federal Resources for Helping Youth Cope after a School Shooting](#)
- [Age-Related Reactions to a Traumatic Event](#)
- [Talking to children about terrorist attacks and school and community shootings in the news](#)
- [Talking to Children About Violence: Tips for Parents and Teachers](#)
- [Managing your distress in the aftermath of a shooting](#)
- [Parent Guidelines for Helping Youth after the Recent Shooting](#)
- Local Law Enforcement
  - Always **call 911 first** if you or someone you love is experiencing a life-threatening medical emergency or may be a danger to someone else. For non-emergency reports or assistance, please contact the non-emergency lines of our local law enforcement agencies:
    - Antioch Police Department - 847-395-8585
    - Lake Villa Police Department – 847 356-6106
    - Lindenhurst Police Department - 847-356-5400
- [Call 211 – Mental Health Support](#)

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School District 34**

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Antioch, IL 60002  
847-838-8401

**Mary Kay McNeill  
Early Learning  
Center**

817 N. Main Street  
Antioch, IL 60002  
847-838-8901

**Hillcrest  
Elementary  
School**

433 E. Depot Street  
Antioch, IL 60002  
847-838-8001

**Oakland  
Elementary  
School**

818 E. Grass Lake Road  
Lake Villa, IL 60046  
847-838-8601

**W.C. Petty  
Elementary  
School**

850 Highview Drive  
Antioch, IL 60002  
847-838-8101

**Antioch Upper  
Grade School**

800 Highview Drive  
Antioch, IL 60002  
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- If you need assistance locating long-term mental health resources, talking through a problem, or exploring mental health treatment options, **call 211 to speak with a live person who can help.**

As we finish this school year, recognize our 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates tonight, and celebrate the last day of school tomorrow, we wanted to reaffirm our commitment to safety and provide resources as we also process the tragic news of yesterday.

We are here and both humbled and honored to serve your students and families. We do so with incredible pride and a deep sense of responsibility, every day.

Sincerely,

Dr. Bradford Hubbard  
Superintendent