

Dear Families,

It is with a heavy heart that I write this message after the tragedy that occurred in Uvalde, Texas yesterday. The thoughts of everyone at PCS are with the families of Robb Elementary School.

I want to assure you all that the safety and well-being of our students and staff is of the utmost importance to us. We have several layers of security. Exterior doors remain locked during the school day and we have a second set of security doors at the main entrance that are also locked while students are in school. Our Constable will be on site full time for the next several days. When he is not patrolling the building, he is monitoring our security cameras which provide full coverage of both the exterior and the interior of the building. In addition, we hold monthly drills to prepare students and staff for emergencies.

We are very fortunate to have both a full-time counselor and a full-time school psychologist. Our Counselor, Mrs. Butchka and School Psychologist, Mrs. Salvias will be available to support students' emotional well-being in the coming days as needed.

If you are looking for support on how to discuss this tragedy at home, there are links for resources below.

National Association of School Psychologists: Talking to Children About Violence: Tips for Parents and Teachers

<https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-safety-and-crisis/school-violence-resources/talking-to-children-about-violence-tips-for-parents-and-teachers>

National Center for School Crisis and Bereavement: <https://www.schoolcrisiscenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Guidelines-Talking-to-Kids-About-Attacks-Two-Sided-Onesheet-Format.pdf>

Kind regards,

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