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Dear Trenton Family,

Many of you have probably already read or heard the news that there was a school shooting today at Oxford High School. Our thoughts remain with Oxford students, teachers and staff who were impacted by today's events. It has been a sad day.

The tragedy in Oxford is beyond reason and difficult to understand. No one expects this to ever happen so close to home. Please know that your student's safety and well-being remain our highest priority. Trenton remains committed to creating a safe school environment for all students!

Since the day began, TPS has been proactive in our efforts to communicate internally to our Administrative team, Crisis Team, and Mental Health Teams. They are prepared to support our students face a new day. Additionally, there has been correspondence with City officials, and Downriver Superintendents communicated to one another, shared concerns, and offered support. We will work together to get through any and all trials, tribulations, and tragedies.

We also want to remind you of the various safety protocols we have in place to protect students, teachers and staff. Our safety drills/measures have recently been addressed and are currently being updated. We continue to work closely with our school resource officer and outside agencies to make sure that TPS is safe for our students on a daily basis. This will remain a focus going forward and we will not rest in this responsibility.

While we are confident in these safety protocols, we know that we need the support of the entire community to protect the children we are privileged to serve. Thus, we would ask that you speak to your children and urge them to reach out to school officials directly or through the State of Michigan's Okay2Say tip line at 8-555-OK2SAY or [OKAY2SAY@mi.gov](mailto:OKAY2SAY@mi.gov) if they hear of any potential dangerous actions that may put our school community at harm..

We understand that our students, families, teachers and staff may need support in the coming days. Please remember that counselors will be available to our school community. Do not hesitate to reach out. The links below may help and/or support difficult conversations with your children and family.

- <https://www.trentonschools.com/domain/1378> (Trenton Mental Health/Crisis Resources)
- <https://www.apa.org/topics/gun-violence-crime/school-shooting>
- <https://www.gse.harvard.edu/news/uk/16/07/coping-community-crisis>

Thank you for your partnership with us on behalf of our children.

Sincerely,

*Douglas B. Mentzer*

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