

New Pathways

HILLSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

New Possibilities

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Dear Hillside Public Schools Families,

Today we join families across the United States who are grieving for the children of Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. This is a tragic loss, and we cannot imagine what that means to parents and their school community. Our children, teachers, staff, and families once again are forced to explain why these senseless acts of violence continue to occur in the one institution that is supposed to teach love, kindness, and friendship. I am disheartened that the families of this nation must grieve another mass shooting in a school district. I pray that the wisdom of clergy and political leaders can begin to offer resolutions that will start to restore the faith and trust that all families need when they send their children to our academic institutions.

If your child(ren) is feeling the effects of this tragic news, please let them know to visit their school nurse, school guidance counselor, or principal. Our health and mental health personnel will be on hand in the event any student would like to talk about what happened in Texas.

Please note that the Hillside Public Schools administration took steps today to support our school leaders as they navigate through the news of the incident in Texas. Your children's safety is our most immediate concern. We will continue to be diligent in monitoring safety protocols at each of our schools. The presence of additional law enforcement around our schools is an extra added precaution, and we will continue to collaborate with our local law enforcement officials to ensure safe passage for our students during school hours.

I ask that you continue to pray for the families and victims of Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. Additionally, I ask that we all continue to be safe, be strong, and be alert. Walk in faith and continue to seek peaceful ways to erase the discord that may exist in the hearts of those who are troubled and insecure.

Sincerely,



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