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Dear New Haven Families:

Like many of you, I sat the other night watching the news in disbelief, realizing that yet another school shooting had occurred in Michigan. I know our New Haven families send our deepest sympathy and support for the students, staff, and families of the Michigan State University community.

I want to take this moment to reinforce that our schools remain a safe place for our students, staff and families. We will continue to work on strengthening our protocols and the services that we have in place to assure our students and staff remain safe.

At the start of the school year, all staff underwent ALICE training (ALERT, LOCKDOWN, INFORM, COUNTER, EVACUATE). We secured several security grants, and with these grants have done many security upgrades to our schools. We have changed how visitors enter the High School and Endeavour. Just last night, installation of a “boot”, a security device designed to quickly impede a doorway entry, started at the high school and will continue until all classrooms in the district are complete. We have purchased extra walkie talkies for buildings, as well as First Aid and Stop the Bleed kits. We are adding extra cameras and swipe accesses in all our buildings. Also, starting the first part of March, New Haven Schools will have a full time SRO officer to support our schools, students and families.

We know that tragedies impact children and adults in different ways. Attached you will find some resources to help parents. As always, please reach out to your school administrators should you or your child need support or assistance.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Puzdrakiewicz

Superintendent

New Haven Community School District

[Helping your child manage distress in the aftermath of a school shooting](#)

[Mental Health Resources](#)