



To our District 127 Families,

Our hearts go out to the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School community and all the victims' families. We are saddened by the violence that has too often occurred in our communities and schools.

In Grayslake Community High School District 127, the safety of our students is a top priority. Our planning and preparation is designed to create the safest school environment for all who enter our buildings. Safety is not a singular event that can be completed – it is a continuous process that never ends.

The district pursues a number of practices to help prevent and prepare for safety threats. In recent years, District 127 has made capital investments to modernize camera systems, update emergency action plans and safety drills, and revise internal entrance protocols. We continue to work with municipal authorities and external consultants to ensure our safety plans are current and best practice. Additionally, both buildings partner with the Grayslake Police Department and have a full-time School Resource Officer on each campus.

As a community, we can increase the safety of our children by working in partnership. Law enforcement officials suggest the best way to prevent school violence is for students to report any and all concerns to a trusted adult. At times, it may seem easy to rationalize or overlook unusual behavior, but it is important that we err on the side of caution. This means if you or your child see a social media post where someone is threatening violence, if you hear a person talking about doing harm to themselves or others, or if a person's actions make you uncomfortable please report the information. Simply put, "if you see something, say something." Additionally, we will be reminding students and staff about Text a Tip (text LAKECO to 1-844-823-5323), which is an anonymous text-message tool to report any and all personal or safety concerns. Reporting concerns of violence does make a difference.

As a D127 family, let's continue to work together to keep our schools and communities safe. Please refer to the link below for a document helpful in speaking with your children about school violence.

[Talking to Children about School Violence](#)

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

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Principal, GNHS

Mr. Dan Landry  
Principal, GCHS