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February 20, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The tragedy that struck Parkland, Florida on Wednesday, February 14, and the intense media coverage that has resulted, has had an unsettling impact on communities across the country, including Lancaster County. I want to assure you that the safety and security of our students and staff are our number one priority.

Further, I would like to share a resource for you to talk to your children about violence, particularly in schools. The attached document is from the National Association of School Psychologists, and provides tips for discussions with children at every developmental level. I also want you to know that if you have concerns about your child's reaction to violence, or if you or your child have concerns about his or her safety at school, please contact your school's administrative team or guidance counselor.

Finally, if you become aware of a situation or circumstance that may pose a threat to the safety or security of a school or an individual student, I urge you to reach out to the appropriate school administrator or the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office. The best resource we have for ensuring the continued safety of our schools is community involvement – **IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!**

Thank you for your continued support of our schools and our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven D. Parker".

Steven D. Parker
Superintendent