

Regional School Unit #3

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Dear RSU #3 Families and Community,

It is with great sadness that I have to write this letter today. Yesterday's tragic and senseless act at the Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas is heartbreaking and alarming. Our thoughts and prayers are with the community and all that were impacted.

I want to assure you that RSU 3 schools remain a safe place for our students, staff, families and community. We have been and will continue to be committed to school safety and welfare of all. RSU 3 has spent considerable time developing emergency response plans and annually reviewing these plans in collaboration with the Waldo County Sheriff's Office, Waldo County Emergency Management and other local officials.

School Resource Officer Tozier and school administrators will continue to proactively review plans and provide appropriate training to all. Below are safety measures already in place throughout the district:

- Annual review and training of emergency preparedness
- Updated camera systems throughout the district
- All doors are locked and monitored
- All staff have undergone **ALICE** (linked) emergency training
- Age appropriate training occurs multiple times per year
- Administration and local first responders meet to discuss possible safety scenarios and responses
- A commitment to continue to review, train, and work with local agencies to make sure our emergency plan reflects best practices

In addition, our staff work daily to provide safe and caring school communities for our students. Students who are in need of social/emotional support may access resources through our responsive classroom instruction, on-site social workers, school counselors, school nurses, or other staff. If you see or know a student who may be struggling, please contact us.





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It is important that you speak with your children regarding the fear created by such a tragedy. <u>Linked here</u> are resources to guide that discussion.

Over the remaining few weeks of school, the safety of all will remain our top priority. You and your child may see an increase in law enforcement personnel around the schools. In the meantime, if you have any specific concerns or questions regarding your child's well-being and safety, I encourage you to contact your child's school principal.

On behalf of RSU 3, we will continue to do everything in our power to remain vigilant to keep our schools safe.

Sincerely,

Mr. Charles D. Brown, Superintendent of Schools

