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Dear GUSD Family,

As we approach the end of the school year our nation has once again been rocked by a tragedy of epic proportions. The school shooting in Uvalde, TX has shaken us all to the core! Such a senseless waste of our most valuable resource, our children, is beyond comprehension. I just wanted to address how a national event affects us here in Globe and then offer a few words of advice for how we can all protect our children and community.

I received a call late yesterday afternoon from Globe Police Department Chief Dale Walters. Chief Walters assured me GPD would be providing regular check-ups for the last couple of days at our schools. We are grateful to Globe Police Department for their partnership in helping keep our kids safe. By working together we are all in a better position to try to avoid a scenario like what happened in Texas.

This brings me to the next part of my message which is a statement. ***We all must work together to keep our kids, our schools, and our community safe.*** I understand there are political and philosophical issues being debated all the time about guns in America. Regardless of where you stand on gun rights and control, we can all agree we need to keep everyone safe. Here are a few suggestions for all of us.

1. Take threats or talk of violence against anyone seriously. Report those threats to the police or school administrators as appropriate.
2. If you or a family member are struggling with mental health issues, please seek out help. GUSD has some resources which can be made available to our students who may be struggling with mental health issues. There are community mental health resources for non-students. Please seek help for those who need it.
3. Review your emergency response plans. At each school we will be reviewing our emergency response protocols. We will be redoubling our efforts to keep students and staff safe and we will provide refresher emergency response training as we begin the new school year.

I wish we lived in a world where these sorts of events did not take place. However, since we do live in a world where tragedy occurs, let's work together to try to prevent one here. As always I thank you all for your support of GUSD as we try to live up to our motto, "Capturing Hearts, Empowering Minds".

Sincerely,

Jerry Jennex, Superintendent

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Globe Unified School District will use its resources to emphasize academic achievement, promote lifelong learning and encourage community and global service.