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Community High School District 117 Families,

The recent school shooting at Oxford High School in Michigan is a tragic reminder of the ongoing senseless violence in our society. While this horrifying event is sad, there are lessons that can and should be learned. The quick and coordinated actions of students, school staff, and law enforcement officials, averted an even greater disaster.

Unfortunately, history has shown, these terrible situations can and do happen anywhere at any time. These situations are precisely why the District conducts safety drills and employs <u>ALICE</u> protocols. Beyond the required school safety preparedness drills, the District prides itself on building strong, positive relationships with students, supplements school counseling through outside services and maintains close, coordinated ties with our local police departments. The District's Student Services Teams are highly trained and skilled at helping students and families manage various crisis situations. The student body is often very helpful in stopping potential violence. We encourage everyone to follow the process of, "If you see something, say something."

Thankfully, the District has been able to provide in-person learning this semester without significant disruption. Working together, we can continue to provide a safe and secure teaching and learning environment. Please reach out to your building administration if you have specific questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jim McKay Superintendent



Ignite Passion and Discovery in Every Student

Serving the communities of Antioch, Lake Villa, Lindenhurst and Old Mill Creek Community High School District 117, being a community of learners with a vision of excellence, is committed to providing an educational experience that encourages all learners to develop to their fullest potential, to engage in lifelong learning, and to be responsible members of society