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A Message from the LCSD7 Superintendent

Everyone is deeply saddened by the tragic news from Texas this past week. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and citizens impacted by the events and we are heartbroken at the senseless loss of students and staff at Robb Elementary School. It is difficult and hard to comprehend such a violent and irrational act. There will be extensive coverage of this on the news and much discussion about it in our communities in the coming days.

When violence like this occurs, people have different kinds of reactions such as shock, sadness, fear and anger. These reactions may rise and fall throughout the day, and even for days to come. Some of us will want to have quiet time and others may want time to talk with friends, colleagues and family. We must all practice patience, respect and grace for one another during difficult times like this. Please remember to stay positive and encourage each other.

As a school district, our top priority is the safety and well-being of each of our students and staff. This is a responsibility that is not taken lightly. In the Lakeview community, we are a tight knit united group and if we are worried about something or someone, or see something, we need to say something. If you or your students have concerns about safety, there are multiple ways to reach out. I encourage you to give me a call or any of our district administrators or staff members. Always remember, it is better to be proactive than to be reactive concerning potential threats or other safety issues.

If you or your student need to report anything, please contact a trusted adult – counselor, principal or teacher. Additionally, you can contact Safe Oregon (safeoregon.com or 844-472-3367), which is a program

created for Oregon students, parents, school staff, and community members to respond to student safety concerns, 24 hours a day. [Click here for a link to “Talking With Kids About Violence”](#).

As we come to the end of the school year, let’s finish Lakeview Strong and remember that together we will always be better and accomplish more.

It is an honor to serve as the Superintendent of LCSD7. I never take one single day for granted, and I count my blessings to live and serve in such a wonderful country and local community.

Sincerely,

R. Michael Carter

Superintendent