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Dear Stanley G. Falk School Families,

Tonight we have learned of another horrific and unthinkable tragedy at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. This news brings more grief, anger, and fear as the community is still processing the events that occurred in our own Buffalo neighborhood.

Stanley G. Falk School is committed to making sure that each and every member of our school community feels safe and cared for, regardless of which Falk location he or she attends. The continued acts of violence remind us just how important it is to revisit our procedures, practices, and policies as they relate to maintaining a safe and healthy environment. Our school buildings will continue to provide secure entrances, and diligent screening prior to anyone entering the building.

We know that students will be coming to school tomorrow with different levels of understanding regarding the tragedy that occurred. While some will have seen disturbing images on the news, others will be unaware that anything took place. Please trust that our teachers will find developmentally appropriate ways to answer any questions that might come up, and to remind students to say something if they see something that makes them uncomfortable.

If you notice that your son or daughter is really struggling in the days ahead, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher, counselor, support counselor, or administrator to explore ways that we can provide needed support. Additionally, because many of you will be talking with your child about what took place, I wanted to pass along several resources you might find helpful when discussing issues involving trauma and violence.

[National Child Traumatic Stress Network – School Shooting Resources](#)

[Talking to children about the shooting](#)

[Parent guidelines for helping youth after a recent shooting](#)

Please know that we look at every child as our own, and that we are ready to welcome them safely back to school tomorrow morning. Thank you for your trust, your support, and for making sure Stanley G. Falk School remains a safe place for kids to learn and grow.

Warm Regards,

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