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Dear RHS Families,

I am deeply saddened to write to you in the wake of another senseless school shooting. The all too familiar parallels to the Sandy Hook tragedy from almost 10 years ago brings back memories of unthinkable loss and unimaginable sadness.

Please know, your child's teachers will be a calming presence ready to reassure them as we return to the classroom today. Counselors, administrators, and our mental health professionals will be available and circulate the building throughout the day to respond to anyone who may be in need of support.

Your child will undoubtedly be aware of the unfolding events in Uvalde, TX. Discussing violence with children of any age is difficult. To help support you, the National Association of School Psychologists has provided <u>Talking to Children about Violence: Tips for Parents and Teachers</u>. Please feel free to use this resource to help you facilitate any conversations or answer guestions that your child may have.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. As always, we are here to help.

Sincerely,

Jake Greenwood

RHS Principal