



Smithtown Central School District

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Dear Smithtown School Community,

In the wake of another senseless school shooting, our heartfelt sorrow and deepest sympathies are with all those at Silver Rail Elementary School in Bend, Oregon and everyone directly affected by this devastating tragedy. As educators, it is difficult to comprehend that such events continue to happen in schools across our country.

Please be assured that the Smithtown Central School District is committed to creating a safe school environment for our students and staff. School security and the safety of our students and staff has always been of utmost importance to the Board of Education and administration. We have resources, clear plans, and detailed procedures in place to address prevention, as well as emergency situations. On September 4, we highlighted this commitment when we shared an overview of the security enhancements we have made in recent years. This information can be accessed via an infographic [HERE](#).

The district routinely partners with the Suffolk County Police Department (SCPD) in an effort to stay current and obtain their feedback and support. The continued partnership we have with the SCPD in our collective efforts to keep our students, faculty and staff safe is greatly appreciated.

In addition to these measures, we will also continue to emphasize the importance of the social and emotional well-being of our students. If you feel that your child needs special assistance and/or you feel that you need guidance with how to best approach this situation with your child, our counseling staff is available to provide support and assistance. Please feel free to contact your child's school should you desire this support. An additional resource provided by the National Association of School Psychologists, *Talking to Children About Violence: Tips for Parents and Teachers*, can be found [HERE](#).

Once again, please be assured that your children are our priority during this tragic time and we stand ready to both protect and support them.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent