



# HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

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Dear HCS Education Community:

## **The Uvalde, Texas Tragedy Yesterday**

To be honest, I cannot comprehend what would lead an individual to create such an atrocious act on others, especially innocent children. The incident in Uvalde, Texas once again reminds us that the work we do to ensure that our buildings are safe and secure must remain a priority. It is important for all of us to think about this tragedy and take time to pray for the families and the Uvalde community as they work through the reality of what has happened.

I want to remind the Hartland community that we do our best to pre-empt this type of situation. Some of the work we are engaged in includes:

- Continue building relationships with every child as the number one proactive approach to school violence
- Provide secure entrances in our buildings
- District security coordinator who carries a weapon in the event of an emergency
- Regular lock down and emergency drills at all buildings
- Working on bringing law enforcement coverage to Hartland in partnership with Hartland Township and Charyl Stockwell Academy for the 2022-23 school year
- Active shooter training for high school staff
- ALICE based-training modules for all staff
- Fall 2022 updated visitor rules being developed with safety and security as a priority
- Highlighting Ok2Say as an anonymous place to report concerns or dial 911 when someone hears something or sees something that is concerning

I want to remind students that it is never okay to joke about acts of violence as the district will take this seriously and involve law enforcement, without exception. Parents, please have this conversation with your children.

If you or your child is having a hard time working through this tragedy, please reach out to the schools to request assistance through our trained staff. They will be in the buildings through Friday, May 27, 2022. We are here to guide, comfort, and ensure the safety of each child and staff member.

Thank you for trusting the care of your children to our wonderful team. I wish each of you the best as you work through this tragedy in your own way.



## **Congratulations**

As a community, we have made it through a rather difficult and challenging year. I believe we have all learned much about what it takes to persevere or have grit in overcoming obstacles. I want to wish each student, parent, and staff member the best summer ever! Take time to relax and enjoy family and friends.

## **Weekly Updates**

Throughout the summer I may have a desire to share information. I will try to send information on a Wednesday, as I know you are all used to this timeline by now. If you become aware of wonderful happenings and would like me to highlight them, please forward me the information at [chuckhughes@hartlandschools.us](mailto:chuckhughes@hartlandschools.us).

On August 17, 2022 we will return refreshed and ready for what I hope is a better school year for all. Thank you for working together.

## **Hartland Employment**

If you or those you know are looking for employment for the 2022-23 school year, please visit our employment website at <https://www.hartlandschools.us/Departments/Human-Resources/Job-Openings/index.html>. We would love to have you join our family.

Respectfully,



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