Dear Danvers School Community,

As you have likely heard, there was a tragic shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. Our deepest sympathies go out to the families and the Uvalde community who are dealing with this tragic situation. We recognize that news and details of the incident will evolve in the coming hours and days.

We want to assure you that safety is our highest priority and that our schools all have safety and emergency plans that the administrators, staff and students are trained to follow. These plans were developed by school and district administrators in collaboration with Danvers Police and Fire Departments.

We expect your children/students may hear this news and have questions or concerns. We understand that some of our students may need support to process this horrific event. As a district, our school psychologists, social workers, and guidance counselors will be available at our schools to support any students struggling to process the events.

As these conversations arise with your children tonight or in the coming days, here are some resources to support your conversations:

- Helping Children Manage Stress in the Aftermath of a shooting
- Helping Children Cope with Frightening News
- Managing your distress in the aftermath of a shooting

We hope that you will help us in reassuring your children that we have many safety protocols in place with our students and families when they are experiencing difficult situations, and we always encourage all members of our community to speak up when they have a concern. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your building administrator or our central office for support.

Sincerely,

Keith Taverna and Mary Wermers

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