

## **Uvalde Shooting: Superintendent Update from Dr. Wagner Marseille | May 24, 2022**

Dear Staff and Families,

This evening, like many of you, I am shocked to the core at the tragedy that occurred at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. I cannot put into words the magnitude of such a horrific act of violence that will undoubtedly impact us all personally and in different ways. Our deepest condolences to the families and community members who lost loved ones.

As we continue to process the events of this evening and as they continue to evolve, we know that many will be looking for meaning and comfort during this difficult time. Our counseling staff will be available tomorrow and in the coming days to assist you and our students. Unfortunately, there is no easy way to process what has happened, but we can provide some resources to help you navigate the conversations that will undoubtedly emerge. This resource from the [National Child Traumatic Stress Network](#) offers some guidance.

Children, adolescents, and adults all need comfort and reassurance in response to tragedies such as this: Young children will process and respond to events in unique ways. Therefore, it is important not to assume that children's concerns are the same as those of adults.

Adolescents benefit when adults simply take time to listen, without judgment, to their thoughts and feelings about the event. Parents and caregivers should be mindful to focus on how children are feeling rather than discussing details of the shooting.

As always, we continue to find strength in our commitment to support each other as a community.

In unity with Uvalde.

Wagner Marseille, Ed.D.