



GLENDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Preparing our students for *their* future"

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Dear GUSD Families,

We are devastated by the violence that occurred at North Park Elementary School on Monday. We grieve for all those affected by the shooting, and our hearts go out to the students and staff at North Park Elementary School who were exposed to this traumatic event.

When tragedies like this occur, it reminds us of the importance of having emergency protocols in place to protect students. At GUSD schools, student safety is our top priority. All GUSD schools have secured entrances. Additionally, we have emergency plans in place on each of our campuses for a range of emergencies, including floods, fires, earthquakes, bomb threats, lockdowns, and active shooter situations. Schools conduct emergency drills multiple times throughout the year, and we constantly review and revise our emergency plans with assistance from the Glendale Police Department and the County Sheriff's Department.

Communicating with parents in the event of an emergency is a high priority. Parents can assist with this process by ensuring that your emergency contact information is up to date in your school office. Parents can also assist in an emergency by waiting for phone contact from the school or district before arriving at the school site. This is extremely important, as emergency vehicles need a clear path to the school, and parents attempting to arrive on campus may block their entry. Additionally, emergency responders may need to change the school evacuation plan depending on the situation to ensure students and employees are safe. It is important that parents wait to hear evacuation updates from the school or district before attempting to arrive on campus.

There is no excuse for violence on a school campus. Our strong relationships and early detection are our best defense against incidents of violence. If you see or hear of any suspicious activity, please tell a school or district employee immediately.

Thank you for being a constant partner in ensuring the safety of our students and staff.

Sincerely,

Winfred B. Roberson, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools