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Dear Glen Cove City School Community,

We are devastated and heartbroken by the horror that took place yesterday afternoon in Uvalde, Texas. Schools are nurturing, welcoming and loving spaces, and it is incomprehensible that anything like this could ever happen. It is so devastating to share news of this nature and beyond any understanding that it seems to have become something we are seeing more than once. We should never have to become familiar with such an occurrence, year after year, throughout the country.

Our thoughts, prayers and condolences are with Robb Elementary, the Uvalde community and the families of the innocent lives that were senselessly and so violently taken. As with all acts of violence against innocent children and people, we are experiencing a watershed of emotions: disbelief, sadness, worry, anger and more. The District will make grief counselors available at each school should any student need support during this difficult and unfathomable time. Our team of social workers also has guidance and resources to help parents speak with students about tragedies at age-appropriate levels.

The Glen Cove District's foremost priority is the safety, security and wellbeing of our students, staff, faculty and community. Our administration continuously reviews and updates Districtwide security and safety procedures. We regularly practice and test these protocols, and we remain vigilant to keep our buildings safe and secure.

Should you have any questions regarding the district's safety and security protocols or if anyone is in need of personal support, I encourage you to please contact my office or your student's building principal.

Today is a sad day. We are fortunate to have such a close and supportive community and as a result, we will ensure our children receive the attention they need and deserve. Be well. Stay safe.

Sincerely,

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