

# Muncie Community Schools

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Dear MCS Parents & Stakeholders,

In light of the recent tragic events in Florida, it is important to keep in mind that the safety of our students is our highest priority. Multiple safety protocols are exercised daily, and our schools have updated school safety Crisis Management Plans that are reviewed and revised regularly. There are ten staff members trained as School Safety Specialists throughout the district.

Communication and collaboration among schools, parents, and the community are critical to ensure that our students continue to view their schools as safe, caring, and supportive environments. School safety is everyone's responsibility and we encourage you to report suspicious or concerning behavior through the following options:

- The SAFETY TIP Line (765-747-1632) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Calls are anonymous and confidential.
- Chuck Hensley, MCS Chief of Security and Operations (765-254-4802) or [cdhensley@muncieschools.org](mailto:cdhensley@muncieschools.org)
- The "Report a Bully" form under the Safety Tab at [www.muncie.k12.in.us](http://www.muncie.k12.in.us).
- You can also contact school administrators.

If you or your child is experiencing psychological distress as a result of this tragedy, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration operates a Disaster Distress Hotline that offers free, multilingual crisis support 24 hours a day at 1-800-985-5990, along with additional downloadable information: <https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/disaster-distress-helpline>

Our hearts go out to the school, families, and the community impacted by the tragedy in Florida.



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