



SOUTHERN FULTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Southern Fulton School District Community,

The tragedy that occurred last week in Parkland, Florida has left us all shaken and saddened. The Southern Fulton School District joins with the Nation, the friends and families who lost loved ones, and the Parkland Community in expressing our sympathy and support.

In these troubled times, the District has been proactive in its safety initiatives so as to ensure a safe learning environment. We have trainings for students and staff in order to be prepared should a safety issue arise, including lock down drills. We have secure entrances and cameras at every entrance so that anyone entering a building is screened first and then buzzed into the building. All doors remain locked during the school day.

In addition, the District has an agreement with the Pennsylvania State Police and they have a continued and strong presence throughout the District buildings. In fact, State Police officers have been at the District on a daily basis since the Parkland shooting.

The District also has an active Student Assistance Program (SAP) at the High School. The team and administration use checks and connects to target at risk behavior which can be further addressed with parents, through school resources, and outside agencies. In addition, we continue to review and revise our SAP team approach and our safety and security plans to make any adjustments deemed necessary to keep our students safe and secure.

We ask that all parents and community members join with us to reassure our students that the District is committed in protecting its students and maintain a safe learning environment through planning, preparation and vigilance. An equally important safety measure is the reporting by students, parents and community members of potential threats or comments and behaviors of concern stated, observed or posted on social media. As you speak with your children, remind them of the availability of school staff and the importance of reporting disturbing or threatening comments or behavior as soon as possible.

If you wish to discuss our safety and security protocol in greater detail, please contact your child's principal. In addition, see our website for other information listed in the student handbook.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tara Will". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tara Will, Superintendent

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