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Dear Oyster Bay – East Norwich Community:

It is with an extremely heavy heart that I write regarding the tragic school event that took place in Texas yesterday. It is incomprehensible that a tragedy of this magnitude has happened, nonetheless, within a school – one of the very places where children should feel completely safe. I am sure you join me in extending heartfelt sympathy to the entire community of Uvalde and the families and staff of Robb Elementary School at this time.

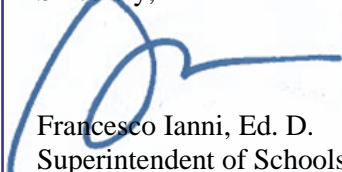
We understand that people within our school community may have a difficult time processing what occurred as they see media reports or hear about the tragedy. As always, our teachers and support staff are available for our students. We will continue to provide support and offer the social and emotional care that may be needed. Additionally, the link below can serve as a resource in guiding conversations with your children. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's school if you have any questions or need any support.

[National Association of School Psychologists: Talking to Children about Violence](#)

As always, safety and security continue to be a priority for the district. Security protocols are in place to maintain a safe environment for our students and staff. The Safety Committee meets throughout the year to review and update the districtwide safety plan and we continue to work in partnership with the Nassau County Police Department. Furthermore, we continue to reinforce with our staff the need to remain vigilant and report any suspicious behavior immediately.

We know our district vision of *Empowering All Students to Achieve Excellence* can only be achieved when our students and staff are safe and supported. Our priority will always be to ensure the safety of all students and staff in the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District.

Sincerely,



Francesco Ianni, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools