



# New Hartford Central School District

Office of the Superintendent of Schools

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Dear New Hartford community,

Yesterday, another unspeakable tragedy occurred at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas—less than two weeks since the Buffalo tragedy. We are devastated for the children, families, and staff members of Robb Elementary. Our hearts go out to the Uvalde community.

Like many of you, we worry about the frequency of these events across our country, and understand the anxiety that many of our students, staff and families may be experiencing.

The safety and security of our students and staff is always at the forefront of the decisions we make in our District. New Hartford CSD will continue its heightened security protocols in our ongoing effort in keeping our children and staff safe. In collaboration with the New York State Education Department and local law enforcement, New Hartford is committed to a safe learning environment, where students are free to pursue academic excellence and emotional growth.

This collaboration includes:

- Creating detailed safety plans that are reviewed, practiced, and updated regularly with input and feedback from local law enforcement;
- Each of our schools have secured vestibules with electronic (buzzer) controlled entry;
- Enlisting on-site support from a school resource officer and school safety officers throughout the District;
- District Safety Committee meetings (our next meeting takes place on May 31).

As always, we remind our students, families and staff: *if you see something, say something*. We want everyone in our community to feel safe and to be able to easily report concerns to any trusted employee of the New Hartford CSD.

Our students and staff are also encouraged to seek guidance from counselors or social workers if they need help and/or to grieve, feel safe, and feel protected.

Together, as a unified community, we will work tirelessly to ensure the emotional and physical safety of our children.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's building principal or myself.

Sincerely,

Cosimo Tangorra Jr., Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools