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Dear Ellington Family,

The shocking news coming from Uvalde, Texas this afternoon affects many, including staff of the Ellington Public Schools.

As educators, our heart breaks when senseless tragedies such as this are inflicted upon a school community. No one should have to come to school worried about their safety. No parent or loved one should have to consider these possibilities.

All Ellington Public Schools staff work each day to make school safe for the children that come through our doors. Our efforts focus on both prevention and preparation. Each year we invest resources, perform drills, and plan at the schools to respond to and prepare for all possibilities. Tragedies such as this strengthen our resolve to ensure our buildings are safe spaces.

We encourage parents to have their own conversations with their children about these topics. One resource from the National Association of School Psychologists is linked below:

[Talking to Children About Violence: Tips for Parents and Teachers](#)

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families in Texas dealing with the unimaginable this evening.

Dr. Scott Nicol, Superintendent of Schools