



Livingston

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Dear Livingston Public Schools Community:

We were horrified and saddened to watch the devastating attacks on Israel Saturday morning and the ensuing violence in the region over the past several days. Our hearts go out to the members of our community who are connected to this part of the world, and our thoughts are with the families and friends of the many innocent victims.

As many in our community struggle with the frightening images and descriptions of the violence, we are concerned about the wellness of our students who may be directly or indirectly impacted by these events. As always, our counselors will be available in school to provide support to students and staff if needed. Additional assistance is available outside of the school day. To familiarize yourself with these resources, please visit our Mental Health Resources page on the District website. We also work with an organization called Care Solace, which assists in accessing mental health supports around our community. Information about Care Solace can be found on the Mental Health Resources page as well.

We regularly educate our students about justice, equity, and acceptance. These important themes will certainly permeate any conversations that may occur in school about what happened this weekend. Schools must provide opportunities for respectful discussions around complicated issues. To that end, our academic supervisors have gathered age-appropriate materials as tools to help students understand why violence, conflict, hatred, and war occur. We recognize that the students of today will shape our tomorrow, and that is why schools need to be places where all students feel safe and welcome.

Of course, the safety and security of our schools remain our top priority. We continue to be in regular contact with the Livingston Police Department to ensure our schools remain safe. Please be sure to keep in touch with your school principal if there are any concerns specific to your child or their school.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Block
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