

Rainier School District #13

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Dear Rainier Families,

We are deeply saddened by the tragic news from Texas. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and citizens impacted by the events, and we are heartbroken at the senseless loss of students and staff at Robb Elementary School. It is difficult to comprehend such a devastating event. No doubt there will be extensive coverage of this on the news and much discussion about it in our communities in the coming days.

When violence like this occurs, people have different kinds of reactions like shock, sadness, fear and anger. These reactions may rise and fall throughout the day, and even for days to come. Some of us will want to have quiet time and others may want time to talk with friends, colleagues and family. We can all use patience, respect and grace for each other during difficult times like this.

Our top priority is the safety and well-being of each of our students - your children. This is a responsibility we take very seriously. In this community, if we are worried about something or someone, or see something, we need to say something. If you or your student have concerns about safety, there are multiple ways to reach out.

If you or your student needs to report anything please contact a trusted adult – counselor, principal or teacher. Additionally, you can contact [Safe Oregon](http://safeoregon.com) (safeoregon.com or 844-472-3367) a program created for Oregon students, parents, school staff, and community members to respond to student safety concerns, 24 hours a day.

Additionally, here are several helpful resources for families and students:

- [How to speak with your child about violence](#) (English)
- School counselors and myself are available in each building to support students and staff if they need to check in.
- Additional mental health support is available as well. Please contact the school principal or counselor for a referral.

Take care of yourselves and each other as we keep the community of Uvalde, Texas in our thoughts.

Respectfully,

Joseph Hattrick
Superintendent