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Dear Quitman County School District Community,

The School District and Board of Education extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to Barrow County School District and all those impacted by the tragic events at Apalachee High School this week.

We realize that this event is extremely troubling and can affect each of us in different ways. Our school counselors are available to assist students and staff members who need support.

Additionally, we would like to remind you of some resources that are available should you need them:

- National Association of School Psychologists: Talking to Children About Violence: Tips for Families and Educators
- NAMI Georgia Crisis Resources

Quitman County School District remains fully committed to the safety and well-being of our students and staff. We are grateful to our students, parents, and community for your support over the years as we have worked to upgrade our school's safety measures. We are also thankful for our School Resource Officer, Chief Jordan, Sheriff Davis and his department, and to our administrators and staff who work every day to keep our school safe.

If at any time there's something we need to be aware of, please feel free to contact us immediately. You can also report suspicious activity to the Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center (GISAC) using the See Something, Send Something App. Download it <a href="here">here</a>.

Best, Jon-Erik Jones Superintendent

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