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To: All Tigard-Tualatin School District Families
From: Tigard-Tualatin School District
City of Tigard Police Department
City of Tualatin Police Department
City of King City Police Department

Since last month's tragic school shooting in Florida, there's been a heightened focus on school safety both nationally and here in our own communities.

Our schools and law enforcement officials have received numerous questions about the safeguards and procedures in place to protect our students. We've also received a range of suggestions for safety improvements.

During this same time, our schools and our police departments have been conducting their own reviews of current procedures and possible safety enhancements. A joint meeting is planned to share those ideas and to strengthen the partnerships that exist between our organizations.

Later this month, the school district will also be convening a meeting of selected community stakeholders to receive feedback on existing plans and guidance for future safety initiatives.

As you know, since the Florida shootings, we have followed-up on and resolved some social media posts and rumors related to possible threats. Whenever this occurs, our schools and police departments work together to find the source and thoroughly investigate every report or rumor. For students who make these threats, we conduct a comprehensive risk assessment to determine the student's potential for harm and the actions--if required--to support school safety. We also identify and put in place any interventions needed.

We cannot close this message without sharing some of the preventative programs we have in place that include: School Resource Officers; specialized police training for responding to incidents on school campuses; individual school goals focused on helping "every student feel safe, supported and connected;" additional staffing for student behavior, mental health and drug and alcohol rehabilitation; the [Safe Oregon](#) tip line and lockdown and lockout drills using the [Standard Response Protocol](#) training. There are also some planned school safety improvements funded by the 2016 bond measure that include: new security cameras and classroom door locks district-wide as well as new school entry vestibules at selected schools.

We want you to know how strongly all of us are committed to providing a safe school environment for our students. Please feel free to continue to share any concerns or ideas you believe will help us.