

Buffalo Shooting: Superintendent Update from Dr. Wagner Marseille | May 16, 2022

Dear Staff and Families,

I am sending you this communication as I continue to process the horrific act of hate and violence that occurred in Buffalo, New York. The loss of the ten individuals who were killed is immeasurable. Like many of you, I am sending my deepest condolences to the families and hoping that they may find some peace and comfort with the support of their community. I can't help but think about the many heroes and first responders who were at the scene, providing assistance and comfort selflessly; I thank you.

When these acts of violence perpetrated under racist ideology shock and disturb all of us, we are reminded of our duty in developing and supporting young minds. Hate is a learned behavior. Our shared commitment to cultural proficiency, equity, inclusion, and belonging is reaffirmed because these lenses provide our students with the tools and resources to navigate the world, to be leaders and change agents.

These acts undoubtedly creep their way into our classrooms and will most likely spark conversations among classmates. I invite you, whether at school or at home, to create spaces to listen and to allow students to voice their thoughts and concerns. As always, our counselors remain vigilant in supporting our students and staff. Please do not hesitate to contact the school principal and/or school counselor for help and resources.

With thoughts and prayers

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