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Thomas A. Smith, Ed.D. Superintendent

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Dear Pennsbury School Community,

As we continue to process the events of Saturday, we are learning how many connections there are between the individuals involved and the Pennsbury School District. As a school district, we are prepared to provide support to any student or staff member who may need it. Targeted assistance will be provided to the Boehm, Manor, and Penn Valley Schools. We have additional support available for students in any school that may need it.

If you feel your child is having difficulty coping with this event, please reach out to your building principal for assistance; we are here to help.

I am resharing the resources for families about how to comfort someone after an unexpected loss and the common characteristics of children who may be having difficulty coping (see links below).

We are grateful to the many community members who have reached out with offers of support. You have my commitment that we will work to support our students and staff members during the days and weeks ahead.

Sincerely,

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## Trauma and Grief Resources

Video: What Caregivers Need to Know About Trauma (from the Pennsbury Parent Academy) Helping Children Dealing with Grief How to Help a Grieving Teen Books for Children Dealing with Loss or Trauma Addressing Grief Good Grief Resource Site

MISSION

Recognizing our proud traditions and diverse community, the Pennsbury School District prepares all students to become creative, ethical, and critical thinkers for lifelong success in a global society.