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STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO ROBB ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TRAGEDY

Dear **#158Strong** Community,

It is with a heavy heart that I write this statement in response to the tragedy that occurred at Robb Elementary School in Texas on Tuesday, May 24. Like you, we are shocked and deeply saddened by the news of this latest school shooting that has claimed the lives of 21 victims. In 2022 alone, there have been 27 of these incidents across the country. We share in the heartbreak of the families who have lost a loved one due to this senseless act of violence and are putting supports in place for students who need them.

As an added precaution, we are working with the Lansing Police Department to increase law enforcement presence in and around our buildings for the rest of the week. This includes Memorial Junior High School's Graduation tomorrow. We know that children and teens are processing this news in different ways. Administrators, social workers, and support staff are available at each of our schools to assist students who may need some extra support. Faculty and staff are remaining vigilant to identify and address social emotional concerns and students are encouraged to seek help if needed. We are available for support.

Please join us in keeping the students, staff, and families of Robb Elementary School in our thoughts at this time. You are welcome to contact your child's school for assistance during this sad and challenging time.

Sincerely,

Dr. Nathan S. Schilling, CSBO
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