



HALEDON PUBLIC SCHOOL
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Superintendent

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

In light of the recent threats of violence in surrounding school districts. We want to reiterate to parents/guardians that our utmost concern has and will always be the security of our students.

While we regularly review and revise security measures in our schools, our administrators and staff simply cannot tackle this increasingly difficult issue on our own. Recent events across the nation have shown that, simply put: **we need your help**. Parents/guardians, teachers, and the students themselves, must band together with a common vision of making our society a safe environment. We ask for you to join us in the hard work that it will take to get there.

As we take these steps, we want to remind you of the following ways in which you can help:

- Talk to your child about school violence. The following link provides helpful tips to both parents and teachers on how to effectively address the confusion and fears that students may have: <https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources/school-safety-and-crisis/talking-to-children-about-violence-tips-for-parents-and-teachers>
- Be proactive in monitoring your child's online presence as well as their social media feeds.
- Report suspicious behaviors to the proper authorities immediately and encourage your children to do the same. Emphasize that it is OK to seek help for themselves or others.
- Be a role model of civil, mature behavior that we would expect of our children. Encourage them to be respectful of those with different viewpoints and to not engage in verbal attacks, whether in person or online.

If you have questions or concerns about our policies and procedures, please do not hesitate to contact us at 973-389-2821.

Sincerely,

Miguel Hernandez, Ed.D

EVERY SCHOOL DAY MATTERS