

Dear Somerville ISD Family,

As we watch and witness the tragedy that has fallen on the Parkland, Florida community, it reminds us that life is invaluable, our children are precious, and everything can change in a second.

The Somerville ISD faculty and staff met recently to discuss this issue and will continue to focus our efforts on the safety and security of our children. We have a safety plan and procedures in place, however, we know that no plan is foolproof when dealing with a threat that is motivated to do harm.

We have re-emphasized the need to keep all exterior doors locked, all classroom doors locked, to be aware and alert of anything unusual, to listen to our students for they usually know what is happening before we do, and to reach out to those students who are crying for help. We have asked our teachers to have conversations with their students about what has happened and how they can assist in preventing such an awful tragedy from ever happening here in our Somerville schools and community.

We ask your help in helping us keep your children safe. Please let us know of any information, no matter how insignificant it might seem, that may be a sign that someone is thinking or planning on harming others or themselves. Please be vigilant of what your children and their friends and classmates may be saying or planning on social media. Finally, be alert when there is a notable change in your child's physical, mental, and psychological well-being.

Sincerely,
Charles Camarillo
Superintendent
Somerville ISD