

Oak Park School District Family:

Our heartfelt thoughts go out to Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. The events that took place yesterday are truly devastating! We will keep all of the students, staff, families, and community who were affected by this latest mass shooting lifted in our thoughts.

This is not what parents or families expect when their loved ones leave out the door to go to school or work. This is truly heartbreaking!

Attached, please find tips that have been together in partnership with Oakland County Health Network, that may be helpful for those struggling to communicate about this senseless event.

Please know that we are in constant communication with Oak Park Public Safety. They are our partners and they take events like this and all others very serious. Along with Oak Park Public Safety, please know that both the Oakland County Sheriffs and the Michigan State Police Departments have also supported us in the past and will continue to do so when necessary, as well as, the surrounding communities law enforcement and first responder teams.

We are looking at all of our procedures closely, as safety is our highest priority, aligned with student achievement.

Again, we keep those affected by the tragic events yesterday in our thoughts, while closely monitoring our surroundings.

Please find a few more resources that Oakland Schools forwarded to us to help with the communication of what happened yesterday in Parkland, Florida.

American School Counselor Association (ASCA)

<https://www.schoolcounselor.org/>

- Get resources for helping students in the aftermath of a shooting - <https://www.schoolcounselor.org/school-counselors/professional-development/learn-more/shooting-resources>
- Get resources for helping students deal with troubling issues in the news - <https://www.schoolcounselor.org/school-counselors/professional-development/learn-more/helping-students-troubling-times>

PBS.org

- Talking With Kids About the News - <http://www.pbs.org/parents/talkingwithkids/news/>
- The Child Mind Institute

How to Help Children Cope with Frightening News - <https://childmind.org/article/helping-children-cope-frightening-news/>

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