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Dear Parents and Guardians:

*After another violent and tragic event in one of our nation's schools, I want to take this opportunity to remind all members of our community that our first priority is to create and maintain a safe and supportive environment at all of the East Greenwich Public Schools. This priority is realized through the collective efforts of administration, faculty, staff, students, parents, and guardians. Please know that assistance is available at each of our schools to support our students who require it. In order to support our families and community members in their discussions about violent/traumatic events with their children, we are providing some helpful resources. These resources can be found [here](#) and [here](#). Should you require any additional assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out directly to your child's school for further information and guidance. Without question, it takes a community to ensure the safety of all of our students. Whether you are a parent, staff member or student, if you see something, say something to the proper authorities. Much work continues to be done in the East Greenwich Public Schools to ensure that our policies and procedures reflect best practices in school safety, and the school district will provide an update on the status of this work at our next school committee meeting on 2/27. This update will also be provided in the district field memo.*

*Respectfully,*

*Victor D. Mercurio, Ed.D.*