



Dear FISD Community,

I write to you with a heavy heart as we grieve for the lives lost in Uvalde this afternoon. The tragedy has left our community heartbroken, shocked, and stunned, and our prayers go out to all affected by this senseless act of violence. I have offered Uvalde CISD our school district's support in the form of personnel and resources, and we also stand ready to support our own students and staff members as they return to school tomorrow. Events like this are not only tragic and painful, but they can often lead to anxiety and fear felt by our entire school community. We want to assure you that we have support services in place and available to those who may be struggling with today's horrible event. Please contact your campus administrator if you or someone you know needs support.

Today's violent act is a reminder of the importance of staying vigilant and reporting suspicious activity, whether it is witnessed in person, on social media, or in some other form of communication. I want to assure you that the safety of our students and staff is our first priority, and our campuses will continue to adhere to district safety protocols. Our most recent district-wide safety training occurred in February, and district personnel was reminded of the essential components of a safe learning environment. We work each day to provide safe and supportive learning environments, and this will continue to be the focus as we return to school tomorrow.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Uvalde community. We stand united in our support of all the students, families, and staff of Uvalde CISD.

Joe Rodriguez, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Schools