

GCISD Community,

In February, Dr. Robin Ryan addressed the community in the aftermath of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in Parkland, Florida. He expressed his heartbreak and discussed the security measures we have in place to protect our students and staff.

Nearly three months to the day, we are coming to you now as a Board of Trustees as once again our nation is mourning the lives of 10 students and staff from Santa Fe High School in Texas. Instead of focusing on semester exams and graduations, the Santa Fe community is preparing for 10 funerals and trying to figure out how they can move forward in the wake of tragedy. As we grieve with the communities of both Parkland, Florida and Santa Fe, Texas, we continue to look to how we address safety and security in GCISD.

In 2016, GCISD voters approved a bond package that included measures to secure students and staff including new security cameras, controlled entrance access for campuses and a fully integrated network security system. To learn more about how we are securing students and staff in the 2016 Bond Program, visit <http://gcisdbond2016.com/>.

In the weeks that followed the shooting in Parkland, each of our campuses held a safety and security meeting that was open to all parents. During these meetings, the GCISD Director of Emergency Management and School Security and campus principal presented information on ongoing training, drills, District procedures and answered questions from attendees.

We also have a tremendous working relationship with the police departments in the City of Colleyville, City of Grapevine and City of Euless. Our District works together collectively with these officers to investigate every concern quickly and thoroughly. Additionally, we strive to communicate with staff, parents and the community in a timely manner with accurate information.

We want to reiterate what Dr. Ryan shared in February: The most important things that we can all do are to build a strong sense of togetherness and pride in our community's schools, ensure our adults are building healthy relationships with students and be vigilant by reporting anything if it seems out of place.

We also encourage anyone to report if they have a suspicion that something might be wrong. If you see something, say something. As a District, we are committed to conducting immediate investigations when we receive reports of suspicious behavior or threats.

We are committed to the safety of every student and staff member in GCISD and will continue to practice, review and refine our safety and security measures as safety is our top priority.

GCISD Board of Trustees












