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Dear Readington School Community,

This week, our flags are at half-mast due to the tragic school shooting on Monday in Tennessee. Whenever these senseless acts happen, we get overwhelmed with fear, grief, and questions. As we worry about the victims, we also worry about our children and our community.

The Readington Township School District continues to prioritize the safety and security of our staff and students. The Board of Education, administration, Readington Police, and our school safety specialists work cooperatively to achieve this goal. This has resulted, most recently, in the placement of additional Class II and Class III officers in our buildings and an update of our internal safety protocols and procedures. Our partners at the Readington Police have been able to add additional school patrols for the remainder of this week.

We remind all visitors to enter through the main office door where a buzzer appears. Please, in the effort of safety and security of students, staff, and faculty, do not hold the door open for others to enter if you have been granted access to the building. It is extremely important that each individual requests access and that access be granted by the main office. All staff, students, parents and visitors are reminded to check that an exterior door has been securely closed after entering and exiting the school building.

In the aftermath of these tragic events children will hear and learn of what took place. Sometimes children will learn and react to tragedy through social media. In fact, a reported event at Phillipsburg High School of a shooting was responded to and determined false or a hoax. Word of these events spreads quickly and oftentimes inaccurately through social media. If you have any questions or concerns, you or your child can seek out one of our school counselors or other mental health professionals in our schools. We are here to support children as they navigate this troubling news.

As we keep the victims of the Nashville school shooting in our hearts and minds, please remember the safety and security of our schools is our collective responsibility. We appreciate your continued support.

Very truly yours,

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