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Dear Dawes School parents and guardians,

By now, you are probably aware of the news of Wednesday's shootings at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Broward County, Florida. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those who have been affected by this tragic incident.

I want you to know that safety is always our top priority at Dawes School. Every day, our staff is committed to ensuring the safest possible school environment, and to do so, we have worked to implement the following safety measures, which are already in place at our school:

- A comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, as well as a School Safety Plan, tailored for our school community
- Regular emergency drills to account for various crisis situations, including a situation that may involve an active shooter
- Standard entry and access control protocols to manage the entry of students, staff and visitors
- Secured exterior doors
- Professional, trained Security Officers in the building
- Ongoing Social Emotional Learning Supports for our staff

Strengthening our safety procedures is an ongoing process, and we continue to work with the CPS Office of Safety and Security to help ensure we are doing everything possible to support a safe and healthy school environment.

If at any time you have questions or concerns, please contact me immediately at 773-535-6430. Thank you for your support.

Mary Dixon

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