

## SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SHIOCTON

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Dear Families,

Like you, we are shocked and deeply saddened by the news of the shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas yesterday. We share in the heartbreak felt for the families who have lost a loved one due to this senseless act of violence.

School should be and must remain a place where students and staff feel completely safe and secure. As a district, we participate in continuous training so that we may keep everyone in our charge safe. We practice lockdown procedures with students in an effort to teach them how to keep themselves and others in classrooms safe and secure. Our doors are locked throughout the school day so as to provide a secure environment within which to teach and learn. We encourage all students to "see something, say something"\* when they see or hear something/someone that is unknown, unusual, or concerning. We encourage parents to join in our efforts to keep everyone safe - please contact a school administrator if you see or hear something concerning. The more eyes and ears we have actively looking and listening, the greater our chances of attending to a concern before it becomes a crisis.

We know that children and teens will process this news in different ways. Our school counselors are available to assist students who may need some extra support. We strongly encourage any student to stop by the counseling office at any time.

Please join us in keeping the students, staff, and families of the Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District in our thoughts at this time.

Sincerely

Nichole J. Schweitzer District Administrator

\* Learn more about the national "See Something Say Something" program through Homeland Security by visiting <a href="https://www.dhs.gov/see-something-say-something">https://www.dhs.gov/see-something-say-something</a>.