



# Evesham Township School District

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Dear ETSD Families and Staff,

I write to you today as we reflect on the horrific shooting at a Texas elementary school yesterday. Words fail to capture, and the mind fails to comprehend, the unspeakable grief for so many families.

With the safety of students and staff as our top priority in ETSD, here are reminders of key elements of our layered security safeguards. Each of our school buildings is staffed by a School Resource Officer (SRO). These SROs are recently retired police officers, trained professionals from the Evesham Township Police Department (ETPD). Their police vehicles are parked outside each school, to make clear that each school has active police personnel on campus. This coordination is part of our ongoing collaboration with ETPD. As a proactive measure, there will be increased police presence at our schools throughout the rest of this school year. Thank you to ETPD and Chief Miller for this added support. Among other security measures, we keep all exterior doors locked at all times. Every school is equipped with an emergency notification system connected directly to the police, and every school main entrance has a security vestibule. Visitors are only granted access to the building for specifically approved reasons, and must pass through two sets of locked doors, only after being authorized by main office staff following a mandatory scan of each visitor's photo ID through our security system. Each school conducts required monthly fire drills and security drills, so staff and students are prepared. Every school's camera security system runs 24/7, among other safety measures.

Should your children experience anxiety or distress stemming from yesterday's shooting or any concerns, please consider this listing of [Resources for Educators, Families to Discuss School Shootings](#). Every one of our elementary schools has a dedicated school counselor, and each of our middle schools has two dedicated school counselors. They are invaluable resources with whom your children can talk, in addition to our caring and supportive staff across many roles. Please reach out to your school counselor or principal in case of need.

The community of Robb Elementary School—its families and staff—are in our hearts and minds as we move forward together supporting each other as a community here in Evesham.

Sincerely,

Dr. Justin Smith  
Superintendent of Schools