

Delaware Valley School District

Office of the Superintendent

December 16, 2012

Dear DV Parents & Guardians:

I am sure everyone has gone through the same range of emotions – shock, sadness, anger and fear – regarding the horrible tragedy in Newtown, CT. It is impossible to make sense of such a senseless act.

Discussing Violence

Discussing tragedies like this one with children is a delicate situation. We have listed some parent resources below to assist you. If your child is struggling with this issue and you would like some assistance, please contact your child's guidance counselor or classroom teacher (elementary level).

School Safety

We are fortunate that all of our schools are locked throughout the day. We also have three school police officers to help us maintain a safe school climate. However, we are reviewing all of our safety procedures to see what needs to be improved and what new initiatives can be added to bolster security. Please do not be alarmed if you see an increased police presence on our campuses this week. It is being done as a precautionary measure. If you have any safety concerns about your child's school, please contact the principal or Police Chief Moglia at the high school, (570) 296-1851.

Hugs and Normalcy

Please give your kids some extra hugs and encourage them not to worry. This shouldn't be their burden but rather that of adults. Meanwhile, we will make every effort to keep our daily school routine as normal as possible for the students.

Respectfully yours,

John J. Bell
Superintendent

Parent Resources

<http://www.parenttoday.org/client/index.cfm/2012/2/29/When-the-news-gets-scary>

<http://www.nasponline.org/resources/handouts/revisedPDFs/talkingviolence.pdf>