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Dear Parents,

The tragedy today in the Jackson Local Schools, as well as the school shooting in Parkland, Florida, leave many of us asking ourselves whether or not it is safe to send our kids to school. These incidents of violence are frightening for all of us and we are just heartbroken for the families and school communities touched by these tragedies.

Please know we make it our first responsibility as a school district to provide an educational environment where our students are safe, feel safe, and are free to access their education. We do this by working to build positive relationships with and between our students as well as working with our city safety forces to improve our safety procedures and crisis planning.

In the Streetsboro City School District, one essential component of our crisis planning is our lockdown procedures and staff training in the A.L.I.C.E. program (You can read about this at alicetraining.com). Additionally, we work closely with our city safety forces: police, EMS, and the fire department to coordinate our procedures. We work with safety experts to help us understand how to empower our staff and students to make good decisions in an emergency. We regularly practice lockdown drills in each of our buildings, as it is vitally important that our students and staff know what to do and where to go in the event of an emergency. During a lockdown drill, our teachers and staff will direct and remind our students of exactly where to go during the lockdown.

We also know that students and families are some of the best resources to help prevent school violence. Please talk to your children and encourage them if they see or hear something (whether verbally, or on social media) that could jeopardize school safety, to have the courage to SAY SOMETHING. In almost all of the incidents of school violence, we have learned that many students heard about threats prior to the incident and never reported it. Talk to your teacher, principal or other school employees. Additionally, encourage your children to use the Safe School Helpline to report potential threats.

The Safe School Helpline is easy to access – especially with the new free Safe School Helpline app available through the Apple Store and Google Play. Reports can be made by texting, calling or making an online report.

- Phone: **1-800-418-6423 EXT. 359**
- Text: **66746**, then type TIPS
- On-line: www.safeschoolhelpline.com

We thank you for your continued support. If we work together as a team, we can help keep all of our students safe.

Sincerely,

R. Michael Daulbaugh, Superintendent
Streetsboro City School District