

On behalf of the South Western School District I would like to respond to information circulating in the community and on social media related to the events of the past few days. This tragedy has impacted our entire school community on a personal level; we continue to work through these challenges together and appreciate your sensitivity and patience.

Our district is committed to our students. We regularly evaluate all of our K-12 student supports and programs, including those with a focus on their social and emotional well-being. Some of these include:

- Guidance lessons (K-5) focusing on kindness, acceptance and diversity
- PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support) K-8
- Project Harmony Lessons focusing on tolerance and acceptance of all
- Kids groups (K-5) focusing on prosocial behaviors
- Instructional Support Team Process (K-5)
- Advisory program with each student having their own advocate (6-12)
- Student Assistance Program (SAP) including Drug & Alcohol and Mental Health Counselors (6-12)
- School Based Therapy (K-12)
- Student Concerns Referral and Meeting Process (K-12)
- Where Everyone Belongs (WEB) 6-8
- District Mentoring Program (K-12)
- Link Crew Transition Program (9-12)
- Digital Citizenship Curriculum (2-8)
- Loss and Grief Group (9-12)
- Aevium Club – York County Youth Mental Health Alliance (9-12)
- Diversity Clubs (9-12)
- Crisis team made up of professional and administrative members
- External experts who support the district
- Individual student and parent meetings with staff members

If you have any questions regarding the district's response to the tragic events of the past week please contact your child's school and/or the district office. We continue to grieve as a community and will place the needs of our students at the forefront of our decisions/efforts. The district is thankful for all you do to support our Mustang Family.