



WARE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Ware Learning Community,

Good day! Due to Tuesday's horrific event in Texas, I have instructed all principals to have their office staff scrutinize entry into our school buildings and do as much business at the front door as possible. So, please do not be offended if the office staff questions you first prior to buzzing you in or meeting you at the door to offer assistance. In addition, you will see a higher police presence throughout the campus for the remainder of the school year. Ware PD and Massachusetts State Police will have available patrol units driving through campus to assist with securing the area. It is a sad situation that it has come to this; however, considering the event, I want to maximize our oversight for safety and security at this time.

Below are some links to resources from Riverside Trauma Center and Sandy Hook Promise to assist in talking to your children about traumatic events:

- [Talking with Your Children About Traumatic Events](#)
- [Children and Trauma](#)
- [Reactions to Highly Stressful or Potentially Traumatic Events](#)
- [How to Talk to Young People in the Aftermath of Shootings](#)
- [Helping Children Cope with a Gun Violence Tragedy](#)

As we continue to see minimal COVID numbers throughout all buildings (see [Dashboard](#)), this week's positivity rate for the Ware community is down slightly to 8.68% from 8.83% last week.

Next week the district will prepare for graduation, which will be held on Saturday, June 4 for the class of 2022! Lots of activities are occurring throughout the district as we winddown the school year. A major piece of our end of year practice is students visiting a new building they may be transitioning to, which is as follows:

- Grade 3 will visit WMS on June 6th at 10:00 a.m.
- Grade 6 will visit JSBS on June 8th at 1:30 p.m.
- Grade 8 will spend time visiting the high school on June 10th at 1:30 p.m.

Have a good weekend,

Dr. Marlene A. DiLeo
Superintendent