



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
DEPENDENTS SCHOOLS
HOHENFELS HIGH SCHOOL
UNIT 28214
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Dear Parents:

Our prayers and thoughts are with the people of Sandy Hook School and its surrounding communities. Our entire school family grieves the loss of life and innocence as a result of last Friday morning's shooting. The first and most important priority of our school is the safety of students and staff.

We call upon our entire school community to renew its efforts to keep children safe by reporting *any* safety concerns to school officials. Our children are our most precious resource, and our hearts are broken because of this tragedy. Please know children may need extra care and support as they become aware of the event.

Hohenfels Middle/High School counselors, teachers, administrators and staff are working together for any needed support of students during this difficult time. All safety procedures are being reviewed with a goal to do everything possible to keep children and staff free from harm. We are renewing our efforts to collaborate with local community agencies to create a united effort aimed at school safety. We are directly asking our entire school community to renew its efforts to help us keep our children and schools safe.

You can help us with the effort of keeping children safe by knowing the whereabouts of your child at all times, even though some of them are seventeen years old. Feel free to contact our counselors and the administration if you have any concerns.

Have a safe and happy holiday season and enjoy the family gatherings.

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