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Hello TCCS Parents,

As fellow parents and community members, I am sure that you share the concern and heartbreak that has come with the news of yesterday's tragic elementary school shooting in Texas.

While Covid mitigation and health and safety measures have been a major priority at our school over the past two years, yesterday's events serve as a reminder that physical safety and security must ALWAYS be our focus, as well. Please note that while no credible threat currently exists, [local police presence will be increased at NJ schools](#), including TCCS, effective today. Should you see officers at the building during arrival, dismissal, or throughout the day, this is why.

Over the course of the past several years, we have made numerous security improvements to our school building at the recommendation of our local law enforcement and Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, including various upgrades to ensure compliance with [Alyssa's Law](#). We also have several new improvements planned for the spring and summer of this year.

In addition to the physical security features of our building, we maintain a strong collaborative relationship with the Teaneck Police Department and engage in NJDOE mandated practice drills every month. Our administration and faculty are well versed in our internal security protocols and are committed to doing their part to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

As stakeholders in our school community, I am asking parents to also do their part by following the procedures and guidelines shared in the [parent handbook](#) and by being vigilant whenever on school grounds (or online). If you ever notice something that does not seem right, do not hesitate to reach out to any administrator or staff member. If you see something, say something. Our school community is stronger when we all contribute and watch out for one another.

Finally, if your child expresses a need for support in light of these recent events, please do not hesitate to let us know, as we are always committed to protecting the emotional health and wellbeing of our student body and can provide valuable resources to those in need.

Please feel free to let me know if you have any questions. Otherwise, thank you for your support and cooperation!

Best Regards,

Ralph Gallo
Lead Person / Director