## (En Espanol)

Dear Students, Staff, Parents and Guardians,

School safety is a top priority for Township High School District 211, and the most important component is our connections with students. Our thoughts are with all of those directly and indirectly affected by the tragic event at Oxford High School in Oxford, Michigan.

This latest incident of school violence is a reminder of the importance of remaining vigilant and working as a community to keep our schools safe for all. District 211's response to reports and threats include the immediate involvement of local police; comprehensive law enforcement-recommended threat assessment procedures; personal safety assessments conducted by trained student services personnel; and searches that may include the student, the school or the home to ensure concerning behavior and reports do not pose a threat to school safety.

## **Reporting Concerns**

We continue to encourage students to seek out trusted adults or counselors or to use our District 211 safety concern reporting mechanism whenever they see or experience something they believe poses a concern for general safety or an individual's personal well-being. The safety concern icon is found on the websites for the District and for each school as well as on student iPads.



These safety concern forms are routed immediately to the appropriate individuals in the school and are addressed accordingly. It is important to report anything that is of concern.

## **Additional Safety Resource**

In addition to this system, District 211 has recently registered with Safe2Help Illinois. Safe2Help Illinois is a product of a statewide school and youth safety assessment.



This resource provides an additional reporting option for youth seeking help as well as valuable information to help our students navigate matters of mental health and personal safety. More

information on this resource can be found at https://www.safe2helpil.com/.

We strongly encourage students to continue to use our District 211 "Report a Safety Concern" tool and to talk to trusted adults within our schools to report matters of concern. Safe2Help Illinois provides a great deal of additional resources for our students and your children.

The safety and security of our school communities is of paramount importance in District 211. We work extensively with our local law enforcement partners to ensure our schools are safe and that we work diligently to respond to concerns when they arise. We are committed to our students and our community. The willingness of our school community to continue to address concerns and seek support as soon as possible remains critical to the safety of all.

Sincerely, Lisa Small, Ed.D. Superintendent