February 15, 2018

Dear KLSD Community,

Once again, our hearts go out to a community devastated by a senseless and tragic school shooting. Please join me in keeping those many Florida families in our thoughts. Let us also remember that families around the country and throughout our own community are touched by this horrific event.

Last night, I directed our building and district crisis teams to meet in the coming days to review the plans we use to keep our students safe. Though our plans are already thorough, reviewed regularly by safety consultants, and practiced often, we will review them again in light of this latest event. We will look to learn any lessons that might make us even safer.

I spoke with both the Lewisboro and Bedford Chiefs of Police this morning. They are making sure that police are more present and visible around our schools in the comings days. We thank them for their commitment.

In my letter to staff last night, I reminded them of the importance of our community being one that is connected. Every day, we have the opportunity to model kindness and compassion for one another. Every moment is a chance to let every student and every child in this community know they are surrounded by others who care for them and want only the best for them.

If you are concerned for a child, whether yours or someone else's, show that concern with compassion and share it with those who are in position to offer support. Our clinical staff – our psychologists, social workers, and counselors – are here to support our students today and every day. If you have concern for a child, please never hesitate to reach out. For support in talking to your own children about this latest tragedy, click here.

We work to make our schools safe every day. We make them safer still the more we connect ourselves to one another, the more we communicate, the more we show our compassion, and the more we look for and share what is best in one another.

My deep appreciation to each and every one of you for making this a compassionate, connected community.

Sincerely,

Andrew Selesnick Superintendent of Schools