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Dear Cherry Hill Public Schools Community,

I am checking in with our community as once again, we are faced with the news of more shootings at large public gatherings – specifically, gatherings that should have been joyful 4th of July celebrations. Less than 12 hours after the news of a tragic mass shooting at a parade in Highland Park, IL, was the news of two police officers shot in Philadelphia in the midst of a crowd attending the fireworks there.

These events have left us all shaken. Please know that even though it is Summer Break, the District offers mental health supports for students and their families, as well as staff.

[CareSolace](#), a 24/7/365 mental health concierge service, can support you in any language. Search on your own or click “Book Appointment” for assistance by video chat, email or phone at www.caresolace.com/chpsd.

Additional resources, including how to help children cope with traumatic events, are listed on the [Student Assistance page of our District website](#).

Year round, our school district works every day to provide a safe and welcoming environment in which our students learn and grow. Professional development for staff and administration, including best practices in supporting students, continues this summer. We have policies and practices in place to make sure everyone in the Cherry Hill Public Schools community has the opportunity to learn and work in an environment where they are treated with dignity and respect, free from bullying or harassment. We do not discriminate on the basis of color, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, transgender status, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, veteran status or disability, and we continue our dedicated work in Cultural Proficiency, Equity and Character Education to ensure constant improvement in these vital aspects of education.

I am available at jmeloche@chclc.org if you would like to share your thoughts or request a phone conversation. As always, please stay safe and well.

Regards,

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