



Corinth Central School District

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Mark R. Stratton, Ed.D., Superintendent

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Dear Families,

In light of the tragic incident at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida, we want to reiterate our commitment to student safety here at Corinth Central Schools.

Student safety is of paramount importance for all of us who work and teach within these buildings. A Safety Team meets throughout the school year to discuss the most up-to-date safety and security precautions. Additionally, our Health and Safety Committee reviews the District's School Safety Plan annually.

This plan gives us a framework for emergency training and response so that, in the event of a crisis, each of us can take appropriate action and work together as a team. The emergency drills we practice each year (four lockdown drills, eight fire/evacuation drills, and at least one emergency early release drill) reinforce our commitment to preparedness and safety. In the event of an emergency, families will be notified using Blackboard Connect, in much the same manner as if there were a snow day.

Our buildings are more secure now than they have ever been, with controlled access at building entrances, and security cameras within. But security plans and procedures are not the only way we have worked to keep our students safe. Our focus on student safety includes a commitment to the mental and emotional well-being of our students.

Each month, we talk to our students about violence prevention through our WAVE (Working Against Violence Everywhere) program. Students can submit anonymous tips via drop boxes within the school building. We provide mental health services to our students, and we encourage parents and families to consider the District as a resource. We are here to help and support any student who may be in distress.

We take the work of keeping students safe very seriously, and your support and participation in our efforts makes a tremendous difference. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your student's principal or school counselor with any specific concerns or questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Mark R. Stratton, Ed.D.