

Gaston School District Community,

We are shocked and deeply saddened to hear of the shooting that took place yesterday in Uvalde, Texas. It is difficult to comprehend such a devastating event; this is an unimaginable tragedy. Nothing shakes us to the core like violence against the most innocent and vulnerable amongst us, particularly in a place where they are supposed to be safe without question - their school.

As our country watches this tragedy unfold, we focus our attention on supporting our schools in their role as caring, learning environments for our community's young people. For our staff, students and families, we are focused on providing the care and resources necessary to process the trauma this event evokes. Our counselors and school psychologist, along with our principals and district leaders, will be here to support staff and students.

Additionally, this is a helpful resource for families and students:

- [How to speak with your child about violence](#) (English)
- [Cómo hablar con tu hijo sobre la violencia](#) (Spanish)

Gaston School District continues to be vigilant regarding the safety of our buildings, staff, and students. Please remind your children to seek out a trusted adult if they feel unsafe or they have information about unsafe behavior. Please also remind them that [Safe Oregon](#) is a state resource for anonymous reporting.

Respectfully,

Summer Catino, Superintendent
Gaston School District