



The following message was emailed to parents on December 16, 2012

Dear Parents,

The safety and well-being of our Mooresville Students is a top priority. We care for our students and count it as a privilege to serve them. We take seriously our responsibility to provide a safe and healthy environment for our students to learn and mature each day.

In light of Friday's tragic events in Newtown, Connecticut, we would like to remind all of our families that we have a plan in place at each of our schools to handle emergency situations. We work with local and state police, fire departments, emergency responders, health care professionals, local counselors and clergy to prepare for these types of emergencies and regularly practice our safety procedures with students and staff through discussions and emergency exercises. While no amount of planning can guarantee that a tragedy such as this will not occur, we are continuously thinking and discovering new ways to upgrade and update our campuses and practice our procedures to keep students and staff as safe as possible while at school.

It is equally important for us to work with our staff and ensure they are prepared to support their students in difficult times. We are providing our staff with resources they will need to respond to student questions this week. Our administrators, counselors, teachers and other staff stand ready to assist you and your children if any of the news of this event upsets them.

The support of our parents, families, and community is extremely important at times such as this. Please visit our website for a link to Responding to a School Crisis: <http://www.mooresvilleschools.org/departments/health-and-safety/responding-to-a-school-crisis> . This page includes parent tips from the National Association of School Psychologists, information about our school safety protocol, and links to additional resources.

Whenever a tragic event occurs in a school, the collective education family throughout our nation grieves for our counterparts and our fellow parents. However, days like Friday also provide us with the opportunity to be caring leaders as we help our children to understand that, as the adults in their lives, we are committed to caring for them and keeping them safe.

We are thankful that you have chosen Mooresville Schools as the place to educate your precious children. We are thankful for the many accomplishments our students and school community have achieved over the first semester to this academic year. We look forward to a productive and exciting week with our students as we complete first semester like Champions.

Thank you for your support of our students, our schools, and our community. We wish you and your family a safe, healthy and enjoyable two-week Holiday Break.

Sincerely,
Brad Lindsay
Superintendent