



December 17, 2012

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In light of the tragedy that has occurred at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut last Friday, we felt it was important to reassure you that our school administrators and staff are very sensitive to the effects that such a tragic event may have on our students. Our intervention team is always ready to intervene should there be a need within a school. Support will be ongoing in the next few days. Children react differently to these situations and the school teams will be monitoring the reactions very closely.

After such tragic incidents, children may develop some concerns and worries. Consequently, they may feel the need to talk. Feel free to reassure them and allow them the opportunity to express their concerns by creating a safe environment in which they can express themselves. It is important to listen to them considering that talking is very therapeutic. Here are some helpful links which you may find resourceful:

[http://www.nasponline.org/resources/crisis\\_safety/talkingviolence.pdf](http://www.nasponline.org/resources/crisis_safety/talkingviolence.pdf)

<http://www.pragmaticmom.com/2012/12/talking-kids-newtown/>

<http://www.dougy.org/news-events/news/the-senseless-shootings-how-to-talk-with-your-children/1466/>

[http://www.angelamaiers.com/2012/12/there-is-no-lesson-plan-for-tragedy-teachers-you-know-what-to-do.html?utm\\_source=twitterfeed](http://www.angelamaiers.com/2012/12/there-is-no-lesson-plan-for-tragedy-teachers-you-know-what-to-do.html?utm_source=twitterfeed)

We continue to review the security systems in place to ensure the safety of all our students and staff. We have requested that our administrators make sure that their lockdown procedures are in place.

Should you have concerns yourself, do not hesitate to contact your school principal. Rest assured that the safety of our students and staff remains, as always, our highest priority.

Sincerely,

Robert Vallerand  
Director General