

Colfax-Mingo Community Schools



May 25, 2022

Tigerhawk Family,

The tragedy in the Uvalde, Texas impacts us all and our hearts go out to the families and school in this senseless act of violence. We all will have varying emotions and thoughts about this tragedy. We all will continue to focus on our kids and the safety of each and every student.

School safety is a top priority of the district. As such, CMCS D has in place specific plans and practices, as well as future training to further support the safety of our schools. The district spent over \$800,000 this past summer to create safe and secure entries into our buildings. Further, we have emergency plans in place for each building that are consistent with, and supported by, law enforcement in our communities and county. Additionally, we have in place threat assessment training this summer for designated teams from each building.

Still, plans do not guarantee an outcome. All of us have a responsibility to talk to our kids about the importance of caring for themselves, and for caring for others. Please take time to speak to your kids about their fears and concerns as well as the importance of empathy for others. As Robin Williams said, "Everyone we meet is fighting a battle we know nothing about. Be kind. Always." If any student, parent/guardian, or community member would like to talk about this situation, please reach out to your building counselor or administrator.

Thank you for your continued care for our kids and diligence in supporting the safety of our schools.

Take care and be safe.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Erik Anderson".

Erik Anderson

Colfax-Mingo Community School District's mission is to develop life-long learners, independent thinkers, and productive citizens of character

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