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Patricia S. Craig
Superintendent

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Dear Camp Hill Families,

On March 14th, Camp Hill High School students will be holding an outside memorial event for the victims of the school shooting that recently occurred at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. This activity was requested and organized by the members of Student Council, with guidance from administration regarding student safety during the event. The event has been planned as a non-political statement of unity and support for the families and friends of the victims of the tragic event in Parkland. Participation in this event will be completely voluntary. Students that choose to remain in their regularly scheduled classes will continue to be supervised by teaching staff. The memorial event will be supervised by administration and members of the Camp Hill Police Department and will include student speakers and a moment of silence. Students will return to their regular schedules after 17 minutes have passed.

The school's highest priority and role during this memorial event is to provide for the safety and security of our students. In order to participate in the memorial event, students will be expected to sign-up and agree to follow the plan Student Council Leadership has developed. The rules and expectations set forth by our CHSD Student Handbook will continue to apply to every student during this time.

The tragic incident in Parkland, Florida is another very sad reminder to all school communities of the need to be vigilant in our preparation for critical incidents. Our thoughts are with the entire Parkland community as they continue the very long and difficult process of healing. I will take this opportunity to reiterate three very important messages that have been communicated to our students by our CHMS/CHHS Administrators:

1. Our school is a safe place to be each day. The safety and security of all of our students and staff is a priority every day.
2. See Something, Say Something: if you see something that concerns you, please say something to a responsible adult. We, as a learning community, are all charged with the task of keeping each other safe.
3. There are resources available to any students who may be experiencing anxiety or fear. A few helpful links are included below. Please contact your school principal or school counseling department at any time for additional information.
 - Talking to your students about school shootings: <http://www.apa.org/topics/violence/school-shooting.aspx>
 - In the aftermath, help your student manage distress: <http://www.apa.org/helpcenter/aftermath.aspx>
 - How to talk to your children about difficult news: <http://www.apa.org/helpcenter/talking-to-children.aspx>

- Talking to children about violence: <https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources/school-safety-and-crisis/talking-to-children-about-violence-tips-for-parents-and-teachers>

We encourage you to have open conversations with your children regarding student safety. We also encourage all families to monitor social media activity and immediately report anything of concern to building principals and/or the Camp Hill Police Department. We have an amazing community in the Camp Hill School District with staff, families and friends who are incredibly caring and supportive. We appreciate the help and guidance you provide to your children each and every day. Thank you for partnering with us to make every day a great day to have Lion PRIDE.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patricia S. Craig". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and "C".

Patricia S. Craig
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