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Falcon Families,

This message comes to you with a heavy heart. The events that took place in Lewiston on October 25th will live with us and the entire State of Maine for the rest of time. We are certain that a lot of you are feeling an array of emotions at this time, ranging from sadness to anger to fear. We just want to reiterate to all of you how important the safety of your student(s) are to us. Everyday that MVHS opens its door to accept students, our number one priority is making sure our students are safe and comfortable.

Again, we understand that there will continue to be some uncomfortable feelings for the foreseeable future surrounding the senseless killing of 18 people. However, our most critical goal is to make students and families feel safe moving forward. At MVHS all exterior doors are locked throughout the day. Anyone who is not an employee of MVHS has to be let into the building by a member of the office staff. In addition, our students know and understand that in an active threat situation we use the ALICE procedure. ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate. We have done multiple drills for the last three years to practice this procedure and we will continue to do so. We are always so impressed by the seriousness in which our students take these drills. Having our students know that in a harmful situation they have options is critical. Being proactive about active threats is the most important thing we can do and we take that very seriously at MVHS.

We are aware that there could be some students, families and/or staff members that have a connection to the events in Lewiston either directly with a victim or through having a family serving as a first responder. We will have support in our building through our social workers, guidance office and school psychologist. Students can simply tell a trusted staff member that they need help and we will make the necessary arrangements to connect them with our resources. We thank you for your trust in us to keep your student(s) safe each day. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to the main office at 364-4547. Please hold your loved ones tight.

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