

Dear RSU 10 Community,

Looking forward after the horrific events in Lewiston, we want to reassure you that the safety and well-being of our students and staff remain our top priorities. We understand the concerns and fears that have arisen in the wake of recent events, and we are committed to providing a secure and supportive environment for our entire school community.

As we resume school on **Monday, October 30th, we have implemented a one-hour delayed start** to allow our staff to adequately prepare to support our students during this challenging time. Our administrators and crisis teams have been working together, gathering resources, and reviewing plans to ensure that our schools are well-prepared to address concerns and provide the necessary support.

We want to emphasize that while we are taking extra precautions, it is essential to note that schools were NOT the target of this particular incident. However, we are dedicated to maintaining a heightened level of security and vigilance to keep our schools safe.

In addition, thanks to our School Resource Officers' efforts, we will have law enforcement presence at every one of our schools to provide an added layer of security and reassurance for our students and staff.

We understand that this traumatic incident has affected each of us in different ways, and we want to assure you that we are here to support one another. If you or your child needs immediate assistance, please call 988 this weekend to access trained crisis counselors. Anthem is also offering free support at 1-800-580-6934, regardless of insurance coverage.

On Monday, we are fully prepared to provide safe school environments for our students as we come back together. We encourage open communication, and we are here to address any concerns or questions you may have. We will work together as a community to heal and support one another during this challenging time.

Thank you for your understanding, resilience, and commitment to the RSU 10 students and community. We are stronger together. Please join me in keeping the families directly affected by this tragedy in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Deb Alden
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Superintendent of Schools