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Dear Pirate Family and Community,

It is with a heavy heart that I address the recent developments in the Middle East, particularly the ongoing situation in Israel and the Gaza Strip. We recognize the distress and concern this conflict has caused around the world and many of you in our community.

At Wheatland Union High School District, we are committed to fostering a culture of empathy, understanding, and unity. The situation in the Middle East is deeply troubling, and we want to express our heartfelt concern for the people affected by this conflict. We stand in solidarity with those who are impacted, and our thoughts are with them during these difficult times.

Today, Chief Wittmer with the Wheatland Police Department shared a Public Safety Notice regarding the situation in Israel that I wanted to pass along (attached).

We understand that emotions run deep in situations like these, and we encourage all members of our community to reach out for support if needed. We are here to provide guidance, resources, and a safe space for discussions. I have listed below a few parenting resources to support your child at home. As we navigate these complex and challenging times, let us remember the importance of empathy, open-mindedness, and our shared responsibility to create a more compassionate and peaceful world. We will continue to keep a watchful eye on the situation and will be ready to engage with our community as needed.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to the values that make our school community so special.

Educationally yours,

Nicole Newman, Superintendent

### Parenting Resources

[Talking to Children About Violence: Tips for Families and Educators](#)

[How to Talk to Your Kids About Violence, Crime, and War](#)

[How to Talk to your Child About Conflict and War](#)

[Talking to Your Kids About War](#)

### Summary of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

[Adult Informational Conflict Summary](#)

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### Public Safety Notification Regarding the Situation in Israel

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) are issuing this notification to advise of an ongoing issue of potential public safety concern consequent to the HAMAS attacks in Israel. The FBI and DHS are actively monitoring the situation in Israel and any implications these horrific terrorist attacks pose to the domestic threat environment. As with any potential threats to the United States, we will coordinate with our partners to ensure they have the resources and information necessary to keep our communities safe.

While we continue to collect and analyze intelligence from a variety of sources, we do not currently have specific intelligence reflecting additional attack planning against the United States stemming from the HAMAS attacks in Israel which began on October 7, 2023. However, as we have previously noted, foreign terrorist organizations and their supporters remain committed to attacking the United States within and beyond our borders. In recent years, there have been several events and incidents in the United States that were purportedly motivated, at least in part, by the conflict between Israel and HAMAS. These have included the targeting of individuals, houses of worship, and institutions associated with the Jewish and Muslim faiths with acts of physical assault, vandalism, or harassment.

Anti-Semitism permeates many violent extremist ideologies and serves as a primary driver for attacks by a diverse set of violent extremists who pose a persistent threat to Jewish communities and institutions in the United States and abroad. Foreign terrorist organizations have exploited previous conflicts between Israel and HAMAS via media outlets and online communications to call on their supporters located in the United States to conduct attacks. Some violent extremists have used times of heightened tensions to incite violence against religious minorities, targeting both Jewish and Muslim Americans.

#### Available Resources

The FBI and DHS encourage the public to promptly report information concerning suspicious activity to [tips.fbi.gov](https://tips.fbi.gov) or contact their local FBI field office ([www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices](https://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices)). Call 911 to report emergencies, including imminent threats to life.

For concerns involving US citizens abroad, to include reporting missing persons or individuals taken as hostages, please call the Department of State's Overseas Citizens Services (OCS) toll-free hotline at (888) 407-4747 or complete Crisis Intake Form at <https://cacms.state.gov/s/crisis-intake>.