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Dear Sanford School Community,

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with the victims and their family and friends of the horrific and senseless tragedy in Lewiston. Our grief and healing will continue but I am proud to be a Mainer and part of a state that comes together to support those impacted by last Wednesday's events.

We will be reopening our schools and resuming normal operations and activities this Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> to regain a sense of normalcy. All transportation and school schedules will run on regular times. We will begin each school day with a brief, developmentally appropriate message that acknowledges the incident and Sanford's safety precautions finding the balance between safety and not adding to fears. Our counselors and social workers will be available to support students.

I look forward to having students in school this Monday and coming back together as a school community. If you have any questions, please reach out to your school's Administrator.

Thank you for your support.

Matt Nelson Superintendent of Schools