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May 22, 2018

Dear Santa Fe ISD Community,

There are no words that can express the overwhelming grief we all feel as a result of this horrific event, but we are committed to ensuring that all of our students, families and staff receive the care and support they need during this tragic time in our community.

While we are anxious to have our students back in our schools, we realize that there are students, staff and families who need time for grieving and mourning. Our teachers and support staff return to school on Wednesday, May 23rd, to support each other and prepare for our student's return. All students will return to school on Tuesday, May 29, at their regularly scheduled start times. High school students will receive additional information from the high school staff regarding a reunification plan for all students and their unique schedule for next week. Graduation for the Class of 2018 will be held on Friday, June 1, 2018, at Joe Raitano Memorial Stadium, 16000 Highway 6 in Santa Fe at 7:30 p.m. Additional information will follow including questions regarding academics, campus activities, and end of the year procedures.

The district is offering multiple forms of support for our students and families at campuses and various district locations. Safety continues to be our top priority and will be provided by additional law enforcement officers representing multiple agencies at each campus and throughout the district.

Other systems of support will include counseling assistance from many state and local agencies. We are able to provide mental health support available throughout the district for students, staff and faculty for as long as there is a need, including a special toll free crisis hotline at 1-800-595-0869 which is located on our SFISD website banner.

Additional counseling resources available include Critical Incident Stress Management Teams on site to work with students, faculty and staff, and first responders. Counseling will be available for those who have been impacted at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Santa Fe through Monday, May 28th, during the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and additional community mental health resources will be available through the district's website. Beginning on Tuesday, May 29th, both student and staff counseling centers will also be provided on each campus through June 1st, 2018. These centers will be staffed by crisis intervention counselors as well as Licensed Specialists in School Psychology.

We want our staff, parents and community, as well as everyone who needs information to know that they can go to the Santa Fe ISD website where a special interactive web portal has been created to address your needs at sfisd.org/updates. This is where information is available regarding district updates, available resources, and where to make donations. We are grateful to our SFISD family as we unite in support of one another during this time of healing and restoration.

We are Santa Fe Strong!

Sincerely,



Dr. Leigh Wall,
Superintendent of Schools