

Superintendent's Message



The tragic incomprehensible events at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut have staggered our nation. The Lockport Township High School community offers its thoughts and prayers for the families of Newtown, Connecticut who have been personally touched by this event as well as the extended community of Newtown.

All too often in our role as parents, educators, and community leaders we have needed to assist our students with understanding such tragedies. The National Association of School Psychologists has provided some Tips and Guidelines for speaking with children about traumatic events at the following website: <http://www.nasponline.org/educators/index.aspx>. Also, the LTHS Student Services Team can provide assistance. Their direct line is 815-588-8350.

Providing a safe learning environment for students and staff is something we take seriously and is our first priority. Currently, we have safety and security plans that have been developed with area police, fire, and emergency departments for both East and Central Campus. Protocols require school administrators to meet regularly with area first responders to review and revise plans as necessary and to coordinate and practice responsive action in the event of emergencies.

It is understandable that such tragic events raise parent's concerns and bring forward questions regarding security measures at their student's school. At LTHS our security plan utilizes many levels of intervention. They include: conducting sex-offender checks for visitors, adult hallway supervisors that regularly monitor entrances to ensure they are secured, and internal and external video surveillance. In addition each campus is provided with a police liaison officer during the school day and at major school events. Again, our thoughts and prayers are with the victims of this senseless tragedy, their families, and the community of Newton, Connecticut.

Sincerely,
Todd Wernet, Ed.D.
Superintendent