



Successful Learners Strengthening Our Community

May 25, 2022

Mount Vernon School District families,

As a school community, we are heartbroken to hear about the tragic and senseless shooting yesterday at an elementary school in Texas. Our thoughts go out to the families of the victims and to the entire Robb Elementary school community.

These tragedies hit close to home. We wanted to let you know that the safety of our students and staff is of the utmost concern to the Mount Vernon School District. Our efforts include safety and security measures that keep our district safe. This includes regular drills, vigilant supervision, and ongoing coordination with local law enforcement. The Mount Vernon School District has Crisis Management Plans in place at each school and a District-wide Crisis and Emergency Response Plan.

Students, parents/guardians, and staff can utilize our SafeSchools/Vector Solutions tip line by calling or texting 360-526-8375 to anonymously report safety or other concerns at individual schools. Tips can also be emailed to 1352@alert1.us. Tips are investigated and handled internally or forwarded to Mount Vernon Police or Skagit County Sheriff Department, as appropriate.

In the event of an emergency, the District will publicize information for parents on our website, www.mountvernonschools.org; via Remind (a web-based notification system that enables us to send messages via email and telephone); via social media, @MVSchooldistrict; and through local media outlets, as permitted.

Please be assured that we take many other precautions to help ensure the safety of our students. We will continue to support students by providing them with accurate information, opportunities for extra support if needed, and to keep our routines as normal as possible to help them feel secure. Counselors will be available to meet with students and help them process this event, as needed. If you have questions or concerns about school safety, please contact your child's principal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ismael Vivanco".

Ismael Vivanco, Superintendent
Mount Vernon School District