



## *Amanda-Clearcreek Local Schools*

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

In light of the heinous act that took place in Parkland, Florida, I want to address our safety measures at Amanda-Clearcreek. Primarily and most importantly, the safety of the students and staff have always been and will remain the priority above all else. It is imperative that you realize, we as a staff, assure you that the steps we make and take every day in regards to safety are done as if our own children were attending these schools. In fact, many staff members own children do attend our schools.

Many parents have requested our plans, drills and talking points. The many things we do with our students and staff in regards to safety is proprietary in nature. Our staff has gone through multiple Active Shooter Trainings, if they have worked here more than three years. The leadership team has conducted table top conferences with first responders and law enforcement agencies. Our staff has gone through scenario conferences with each other to create, what ifs. In addition, our staff has had extensive conversations with their students in regards to certain situations.

I wish I could guarantee you that we will never have violent attacks at Amanda-Clearcreek. However, there are no assurances. What I can assure you is that the leadership team has had many discussions, welcomed and allowed staff input, encouraged our staff to talk with other staff members, provided professional development, met with first responders and our law enforcement agencies to know and understand best practice plans and drills. We will trust the direction provided by said first responders and law enforcement agencies.

There was a time in our lives that we never thought we would have to have discussions such as these. However, those times are gone. I close by asking you to be diligent in regards to having conversations with your child(ren) about their safety and/or safety concerns. I encourage you to encourage them if they "see something, say something." Finally, I implore you to implore your child(ren), when in an emergency, to listen to what directives are being given to them by the adults they have grown to know and trust at Amanda-Clearcreek.

I want to thank those community members who have reached out to offer our school help in regards to support, finances, resources and advice for the safety of our students and staff. If you have questions and concerns, please feel free to contact me.

As always, Go ACES!!

Sincerely,

J. B. Dick,  
Superintendent