



HADDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Broadcast

Dear Haddon Township School District Community,

I want to take a moment to acknowledge the Middle East's current situation. On Friday, I met with the other school superintendents in Camden County and took some time over the weekend to consume news, reflect, and reach out to community members to seek additional understanding. Undoubtedly, the recent tragic terrorism and loss of life have deeply impacted members of our Jewish community, who have been traumatized. Innocent Palestinians have also lost their lives and will continue to suffer along with innocent Israelis. **We realize that students may be affected by violent images seen on television and online**, and we will support them by promoting psychological safety and positive emotional health as **highest priorities in our school district**. Our school counselors and special services staff will provide mental health support and additional resources for students in need in addition to our Care Solace Program, with whom we continue to partner. Our staff will continue to support **ALL** of our students, including those from Jewish, Muslim, and other communities that have experienced discrimination and marginalization. I am proud of our school district, students, and staff. Despite the tragic events in the world, our students and families have continued to set the example of universal respect and kindness, and there have been little to no disruptions in our schools from this conflict. Please continue to support them. Emphasizing the need for social media literacy and encouraging them to consume news from trusted and reliable sources are important steps to helping students make sense of the world around them. **A child's education does not begin and end with arrival and dismissal from school, and by continuing to work together to promote harmony and peace within our school district community, students will develop healthy, respectful, and meaningful relationships** despite the world's turbulence. Thank you very much and have a great day.

-Sincerely,

Robert J. Fisicaro, Ed. D. Superintendent