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In light of the recent tragedy at the Clovis-Carver Library, Clovis Municipal Schools want to assure parents and the community we are making every effort to keep our students safe. Over the last 24 hours, many stories have circulated regarding the incident. What we know at this point is there are two female victims deceased, four others wounded, and the suspect has been taken into custody. The Clovis Police Department has tirelessly been following up on leads provided by community members and on social media.

Over the last two days, mental health providers from both Clovis and Portales Schools have been available at each school site in the event a student or staff member needs support. Clovis Schools is prepared to continue providing support as needed. The District's Mental Health team will also be available to support children and help with community linkages for those needing long-term mental health support.

Clovis Municipal Schools is working to ensure students feel safe in the school environment. Our goal is to proceed with school as normally as possible. Additionally, we want to assure parents and community members that student safety and mental well-being is first and foremost. Please note, the District has security entrances at our schools, a strict policy for visitors, a crisis plan, and a system for reporting suspicious activity and/or behavior. The Clovis Police Department will have an increased presence on and around our campuses, not as a result of an impending threat, but due to the entire community's commitment to the safety of our children. As always, if you or your child receive information in this case or any other situation that could be an indicator of impending danger, please provide the school or the Clovis Police Department with the information so that it can be investigated.

In addition to our internal services, Mental Health Resources (MHR) and Cannon Air Force Base have offered support for District students and staff. MHR will be accepting walk-ins for 2-3 courtesy visits at both the 21st Street and Sutter Place locations. MHR can be contacted at 575-769-2345. Cannon Air Force Base has Military Family Life Counselors (MFLC) available for students of military connected families. Please contact Sara Williams, Airman and Family Readiness Center, at 575-784-4228.

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During difficult times such as these it can be frightening to send your child(ren) out of your immediate care. Clovis Schools' staff is committed to providing not only a quality education, but also a safe and nurturing environment to foster student success. Our staff is sensitive to the urgency of this situation and is motivated to assist in the prevention of a future incident in Clovis.

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