

TRENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

"Children Come First, Los niños son primero"



June 17, 2018

Dear Trenton Public Schools Family,

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and employees that were affected by the tragedy which occurred at the Artworks Trenton - Art All Night event yesterday. As a district, we work every day to make sure our entire community feels safe.

Incidents such as these, solidify the need for us to have more conversations about safety measures for the Trenton Public School community. We ask you to be engaged as these conversations unfold – we all own the future and your voice will be critical. Also remember, that ‘see something, say something’ is a proven strategy for maintaining safety in our schools and in our communities.

In the next coming days, we understand that our community will need time to heal. We will provide access to crisis support and trauma informed care for our students and continue to work with appropriate city officials to understand the details and impact of the event. We will continue to take all necessary measures to provide a safe and secure learning environment.

Beginning Monday June 18, until further notice, all schools will adhere closely to the safety protocols currently in place and will be implementing a Shelter-In-Place, which means that only staff and students required to be in the buildings will be permitted to enter.

Yesterday’s tragic assault on our community serves as another reminder of our responsibility to do everything we can to be prepared. Together we will continue to make safety first, our district wide priority. Thank you for your support and please keep the community of Trenton in your thoughts and prayers as we heal, learn and thrive.

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