

Dear Parent:

As you know our country was presented with great tragedy yesterday. In response the Williamson Middle School took the following steps:

All exterior doors were locked and monitored. This step is traditionally called a lockdown the purpose of which is to ensure that no strangers enter the building and that all students are accounted for.

Today we set up a “crisis room” where students could go and talk to a trained counselor and have a bottle of water.

We observed a minute of silence at the beginning of the day.

Our goal is to present a “business as usual” atmosphere while at the same time provide the emotional support that the students may need. Our schools will remain open and parents are encouraged to send their children to school. If any events occur that would necessitate the closing of schools you will be notified by way of television and radio broadcasts.

In closing I would like to commend the students, parents and staff for pulling together and helping one another through such a trying ordeal. While our thoughts are certainly with our fellow Americans, we have not allowed the actions of others to interfere with the business of learning.

Sincerely,

Russell Kissinger
Principal, Williamson Middle School