



WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

March 26, 2023

Dear WASD Families,

It is with great sadness that I send this email related to the explosion and fire that took place at the RM Palmer building in West Reading this weekend. Our thoughts and support are with the victims, their families and all those impacted by this tragedy.

Please know that we have counseling and support available in our schools for students and families. If your child or family is in need, please contact the following school counselors or District social worker:

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K-12 Social Worker

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Our counselors and social worker can assist students with support here at school, and provide assistance to link families to service agencies in Berks County.

Our **Transportation Department** is monitoring road closures and will be in communication with impacted families. We know that as of today (Sunday) that 2nd Avenue and the first few blocks of Penn Avenue are closed, and understand this may change as we approach Monday morning. Please use the following information to contact our Transportation Department with any questions or concerns:

Craig Scheetz
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We want to acknowledge our local police departments, fire departments and emergency responders for their ongoing effort and dedication. We also thank the West Reading Borough officials and continue to offer the District's support as we work through this tragic event.

We know that families will discuss this event with their children. We have attached a resource, *Helping Children Cope with Tragedy*, from the National Association of School Psychologists to consider when working with your child.

While this weekend's news has been devastating, we also know that our Spartan community is strong. We will need to continue to share our strength and resources as we work together in

the coming weeks. I thank all community members for the ongoing support you provide for our students, staff and neighbors.

Sincerely,

Robert Scoboria
WASD Superintendent

[Helping Children Cope with Tragedy](#)

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