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Dear Superintendents:

Once again we find ourselves in an all too common situation following the shooting at the Covenant School in Nashville, Tennessee on Monday. When events such as this take place, there is often a rise in reported threats against schools throughout the country.

We know that such tragedy, can result in increased anxiety among our families, students, and educators. Please take this opportunity to review the protocols in your School Security and Safety Plans and remind your entire school community that each district has such plans in place that are coordinated with local first responders; has practiced crisis response drills; and has trained school personnel in how to support safe schools and prepare for crisis situations.

The safety and well-being of our students, colleagues, and school community is of paramount importance. Given this fact, please visit: <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/School-Safety-and-Security/School-Safety-and-Security/Documents>, which provides specific resources that you may find helpful to share with staff and families in your districts and to provide information on ways the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) can be of assistance. Additional resources are embedded in: [Resources Addressing Trauma, Violence, and Grief in the Aftermath of a Mass Shooting](#)

As a reminder, adult and child Mobile Crisis providers can be accessed by school staff and families by dialing the United Way 2-1-1 Infoline.

State professionals are also available to assist you with questions or concerns. For questions regarding trauma, crisis, and school safety, please contact CSDE Education Manager Chlo-Anne Bobrowski at [chlo-anne.bobrowski@ct.gov](mailto:chlo-anne.bobrowski@ct.gov), and for questions and technical assistance on School Security and Safety Plans, please contact William Turley at [william.turley@ct.gov](mailto:william.turley@ct.gov) at the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP).

Sincerely,

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Commissioner of Education