

Good afternoon,

Yesterday's tragic incident at Northside High School has had a huge impact on our school district, and today we are focused on prioritizing the safety and well-being of our students and staff. Our thoughts and prayers for healing go out to the family of the young man who died, the other student who was injured, and the entire NHS school community.

Members of the OCS Crisis Team are at Northside today working to support our Monarch staff, students and families. While our focus is on the NHS school community, Crisis Team members are available to assist other schools, as well. Team members will be available when school resumes on Tuesday, and we are prepared to continue to serve our students and staff at Northside High with counseling and other resources for as long as they are needed.

We would like to thank the Jacksonville Police Department and the Onslow County Sheriff's Office for the additional officers they have made available at other schools today. Their partnership and support are invaluable in helping to keep our students and staff safe. We plan on continuing to have an increased law enforcement presence on campus in the coming days.

The safety of our students and staff is our highest priority. The Board of Education, district and school leadership, along with local law enforcement, will be reviewing what happened at NHS yesterday and look at ways we can continue prioritizing student and staff safety.

Thank you,
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