



October 29, 2018

Dear BUA Community,

I am writing this afternoon to express my sadness and concern for the number of violent and tragic events our students experience each week in our national and international headlines. As an educator and as a parent, it is disturbing to consider this unfortunate reality for our students and children today. The most recent events, including the attempted distribution of 14 pipe bombs to political figures, Wednesday's grocery store shooting in Jeffersontown, Kentucky, and Saturday's mass shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, are three of many tragic events in the past several months.

When students already have so much on their minds in their daily lives, it can be additionally upsetting when these types of violent, tragic, and hateful events add to the many weights on their shoulders. I encourage our students to seek emotional support from Mr. Elliser, our interim school counselor (or another trusted adult in the building) if they would like to talk about how these events or others are affecting them.

I also want to provide the following resources, in the hopes that you or your family find them helpful.

- [Talking to Children About Tragedies](#) (American Academy of Pediatrics)
- [Explaining the News to Our Kids](#) (Common Sense Media)
- [Helping Children Cope with Frightening News](#) (Child Mind Institute)
- [Helping Children Cope with Terrorism – Tips for Families and Educators](#) (National Association of School Psychologists)

Finally, I want to let you know about a [Campus Vigil](#) today hosted by BU's Hillel at 5:30 p.m. in front of Marsh Chapel. The entire BU community is invited to join the event. Students received an invitation to the event earlier this afternoon in their BU email.

I am thankful for the warm, welcome community at BUA, and I am optimistic about the future knowing that these fine young women and men will soon go into the world and have a positive influence on it.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rosemary White', with a small heart symbol above the 'i' in 'White'.

Rosemary White
Interim Head of School