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Dear Global Families,

Saturday May 14th our community was shaken to its core with an act of violence beyond imagination. Global Concepts Charter School offers our deepest condolences to the victims, their families, and to anyone who was affected by this unthinkable act of violence. We send our prayers to the victims, their families, and to the entire City of Buffalo. We are certain that our students will be affected by this tragedy. Therefore; Global Concepts is prepared and ready to help students and staff cope with their grief and fear. We will be offering opportunities for community members the space to process this tragedy in the morning and during the day tomorrow in developmentally appropriate ways.

Talking with children about tragedies is both important and challenging. Resource links below are helpful tools for parents and staff.

According to news reports, this mass murder was racially motivated. The accused traveled a long distance to execute this act of hatred. This is an example of why Global Concepts has a mission to expose our young people to all cultures and races. For over 20 years, Global Concepts has been a driver of inclusion and diversity. The "Global Education" we provide is one of all races, ethnicities, languages, and cultures, for we believe when we engage our community members in cultural competency and celebrate diversity, we will see less hateful acts and tragedies such as this.

We understand that this upcoming week might be difficult for students and parents. Processing such a tragedy in our own community will take some time. We will get through this together as a Global Concepts family. We will get through this together and work harder than ever to be a beacon of inclusivity.

Resource Links:

[Talking to Children About A Shooting](#)

[9 Tips to Talking to Kids with Trauma](#)

[Talking to Children about Violence - Spanish Version](#)

[Talking to Children about Violence - Arabic Version](#)

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