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Dear GOAL High School Staff and Families,

As I am sure you know, there was a shooting at East High School in Denver yesterday morning. Our hearts go out to the impacted staff and students and the entire East High School community.

As a School, we know how events like this can shake us all and raise questions about how we are keeping our students safe. We want to take this moment to reassure you that nothing is more important than the safety of our students and staff. We were in touch with our local and state leadership all day monitoring any threat to our schools, community, students, or staff.

When situations arise like the one yesterday, our entire staff work together to monitor events, assess potential threats, and work with our sites to take necessary steps. Our staff and students are trained and prepared to initiate a “Hold,” “Secure,” or “Lockdown” at any time. Any of these incidents will include communicating with families via mass communications via phone call, SMS text and email.

Finally, we want to express our gratitude for the continuous support of site staff to keep our students and staff safe. Thank you for your partnership in school safety as we continue to work together to keep everyone in a GOAL setting or at home safe and secure. Please know that GOAL has licensed school counselors and social workers available to assist as needed.

Sincerely,

Constance A. Jones, PhD.

Please see the emergency contact information included on the next page.



- **988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline** provides free, confidential, 24/7/365 support to anyone in the U.S., whether or not they are thinking about suicide. Simply dial or text **988**.
- **For ASL support**, dial **711-988**. *Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) + Vibrant Emotional Health*
- **Crisis Text Line** is a free, secure online platform providing 24/7 support to anyone experiencing any type of crisis. To reach a trained volunteer Crisis Counselor, text **HOME** to **741741** or initiate a **chat via WhatsApp**.

En español, envía un mensaje de texto con la palabra **AYUDA** al **741741**.

- **The Disaster Distress Helpline** is a free hotline dedicated to providing 24/7/365 crisis counseling to anyone in the U.S. and its territories who is experiencing emotional distress related to natural or human-caused disasters. Call or text **1-800-985-5990**.
- **For ASL support**, dial **1-800-985-5990** from your videophone or click the “ASL NOW” button on the linked webpage. **Emergency/Immediate Help**

En español, envía un mensaje de texto o llama **1-800-985-5990** presiona **2**.

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