

ACS Community Update

Unfortunately, the topic of this update is somber in nature. Yet another tragedy took place in a school setting this week. The school shooting that took place in Florida on Wednesday is the latest in what is becoming an all too common occurrence. We are living in a violent time when individual's mental health issues are escalating to the point of tragedy. The effort to thwart these types of incidents does not fall on any one person. It takes a group approach; staff, students and community all can have a part in helping stop these types of events.

My call to action by all of the stakeholders throughout the community is simple. The approach is known as "see something...say something." Way too often individuals come forward in the aftermath of one of these attacks with information that might have stopped the tragic event. So, parents and staff members please encourage students to be brave and disclose information that could potentially prevent one of these situations. I ask that all of us pay close attention to our surroundings at all times. The ability to identify unlocked outside doors, uninvited visitors and other violations of our safety protocols are essential and require everyone to work together.

Also, please be observant of anyone who may appear to be distraught, depressed or in need of professional assistance. There is no guarantee that we can prevent all tragedies, but we can reduce the likelihood of them occurring with increased diligence by all of us. If you witness anything that you perceive as suspicious, please communicate with a teacher, counselor, or administrator.

Algonac Community Schools will continue to evaluate and improve our school safety practices and procedures. We will continue to work collaboratively with law enforcement to make school safety a top priority. Please remember.....see something, say something. Together we can make difference.

Al Latosz, Superintendent