

## A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT CHRIS MALONE

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Hello Tewksbury Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents, students, staff, and administrators at TMHS for their dedicated work and patience during yesterday's event. In addition, I would like to thank our partners at the Tewksbury Police Department for their commitment to keeping all of us safe every day. We are all very proud of the response of our students and staff during these adverse conditions. The time and energy we have dedicated as a school district to training and implementing the ALICE protocols has produced positive results. However, this work is never complete and will require a long-term commitment and continuous improvement of structures, polices, and procedures.

Last night was also an occasion to celebrate the Social Emotional Learning Fair along with the mandatory junior class parent / student assembly. District Attorney Marian Ryan and Tewksbury Police Chief Tim Sheehan delivered clear messages about the dangers of alcohol and drug usage along with valuable information for parents regarding the Social Hosting Law. Both of these issues are paramount for our community in supporting the safety of all students.

We will continue to work closely with the Town and the Tewksbury Police Department to improve school security, review our procedures, and upgrade our facilities. The Elementary School Building Committee has also made this a priority for the architect hired for the new elementary school project. The strength of Tewksbury as a community is evident in the approach we all take in keeping students safe. Events such as the one yesterday at TMHS are proof that if we continue to improve our ability to keep all students safe we will be able to prevent and react successfully to challenging issues as they arise.