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In the midst of the latest incidents in the cycle of violence in the Middle East, we recognize the fear, grief, and pain that our community is experiencing. Therefore, we want to express a strong sense of compassion for our communities. The unfortunate situation in the Middle East has far-reaching implications on many of our community members, and for this reason, we want to let our families know that Teaneck Public Schools stands ready to support.

It is highly recommended that Teaneck Public Schools foster an open dialogue, accompanied by respectful discussions, between our scholars, staff, and the broader community. It is imperative that we collaborate to gain a comprehensive understanding of the complex factors impacting our world and preventing world peace. As the Teaneck Family, we can reassure our children that they are safe, listen to them to understand how they are feeling, discuss the important issues in an age and <u>developmentally appropriate</u> way, and limit media exposure on television and social media.

We would like to convey that counseling services are readily available for our scholars and staff who may require assistance to cope with recent events. If any of our parents need counseling support, do not hesitate to contact us as well. We will do our best to connect you with local counseling services. Our scholars and staff are encouraged to contact their campus principal and/or counselor for support services. Our parents are encouraged to contact Mrs. Lorena Meadows, Director of Counseling for support services. In Teaneck Public School, we want our community to know that we are here to support you during these difficult times. Our counseling staff are trained to provide empathetic and confidential guidance.

Teaneck, We Stand Together!!

Educationally yours,

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