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Dear WSD Parents:

We have all been shaken by the events that took place last week in Connecticut. Our thoughts and heartfelt prayers go out to the families, to the school, and to the entire community of Newtown. Such senseless acts of violence are impossible to understand.

It is possible, however, to be prepared to respond to emergencies that may occur. Please be assured the Washington School for the Deaf (WSD) views your child's safety as our paramount duty. WSD conducts monthly drills to address lockdowns, fire, and earthquakes. The Leadership Team has a comprehensive emergency plan that is reviewed annually. We are part of the "first responder" network in Vancouver and work closely with the Vancouver police, fire and other response agencies.

One of the most heartening things we have heard in the last several days is the ground swell of "random acts of kindness" occurring throughout the United States as a response to this tragedy. We can make a difference in the lives of the people around us and in our community by looking for ways to help each other, support those less fortunate, and simply care about the people we come in contact with on a daily basis, both strangers and friends.

This holiday season, please know WSD values your child, values its relationship with our families, and is committed to having this school be a place your child feels safe, secure and happy.

Please know you may always contact us if you have questions or concerns: Rick Huan, Director, 360-334-5435 (VP), 360-418-0400 (V), or rick.huan@cdhl.wa.gov; Jane Mulholland, Superintendent, 360-334-5448 (VP), 360-418-0402 (V), or jane.mulholland@wsd.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Huan".

Rick Huan

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jane Mulholland".

Jane Mulholland