Because of the recent tragic events at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, parents and students will notice an increased law enforcement presence at all our schools with an emphasis on our elementary schools.

All Pickens County Schools have extensive safety plans and regularly conduct drills for students and staff members to practice what to do if any emergency situation arises. We are very appreciative of the close working relationship we have with law enforcement agencies, and we are working with them to review our emergency plans, procedures and facilities to determine if any adjustments need to be made.

The safety of our students and staff is our top priority. Our world has changed and so must our approach to school safety. We appreciate your understanding and support as we go forward during these troubling times. Our hearts and prayers go out to the families in Newtown, Connecticut.