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Dear Parents/Guardians of HHS Students:

Our school, like others across the country, has become all too accustomed to "moments of silence" like the one we observed at Hingham High School earlier today, when I shared the following statement with our students.

***Good morning, Hingham High School. Yesterday, as you know, students and staff at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, experienced one of the worst episodes of school violence in our nation's history. Today, as we remember a tragedy that claimed the lives of at least 19 innocent children and three adults in the school, let us pause for a moment of silence...***

***The awful massacre in Texas yesterday was a senseless act of violence, like so many others before and since. As we grapple, yet again, with the hard and stubborn reality of violence in schools, may we resolve to do something in our own lives to stem the tide. And may we find strength in community, as we have before, caring for and supporting one another through these difficult times. The world does not have to be this way. It can be better. So today, while reflecting on an incomprehensible tragedy, we must also remember that our own actions, when they're inspired by love and concern for others, can make a difference for good. Thank you.***

Please be assured that our school will not become numb to events like this, and we will not surrender to despair. Thank you for joining with us in the ongoing effort to support and protect the young people who might yet help us to build a better future.

Sincerely,

Rick Swanson

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