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Mount Horeb, Wisconsin Education Associations: We Must Come Together to Save Our Children

The following statement can be attributed to the Mount Horeb Education Association (MHEA), representing educators who work every day with students in the Mount Horeb School District, and the Wisconsin Education Association Council (WEAC), representing teachers and support staff in public schools throughout the state.

“Our hearts break for all the families, children and educators affected and we stand ready to provide support and to advocate for changes to make our schools safer. Educators desperately work to keep our schools safe so students can learn. It’s crushing emotionally to face yet another shooting crisis. We must come together to save our children.

“[Mental Health Awareness Month](#) started May 1, the same day as the incident in Mount Horeb, and the need to focus on the mental wellbeing of our students is greater than ever.

WEAC and the National Education Association (NEA) are providing support and resources for Mount Horeb educators to help them support students and each other in the aftermath.

Resource materials:

- School Crisis Guide – [Link](#)
- Grief Resources - [Link](#)
- Mental Health Web Page – [Link](#)
- NEA: [How to talk to Students about Violence](#)

Additional resources to support students, help school leaders cope with crisis, foster student and educator mental health and advocate for safer schools can be found at [Responding to Gun Violence](#).