



# Central City WILDCATS

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Dear Central City Families,

Today is the last day of school. It is always a day of emotions for students and staff with the excitement of summer vacation and the sadness of not seeing our friends for three months. One very excited kindergartener asked me this morning “How many stay home days do we have?” I had no idea but then he followed up with telling me that his dad said it was 90 days. Enjoy the next 90 days of summer break.

As I went to bed last night, I heard about the school shooting in Uvalde, Texas. Events such as this stir up strong emotions, especially our instincts around protecting our children and the adults who serve them. Today was a difficult day for some adults at school and I can tell you that they were here for the children and celebrating the last day of school.

While we head into summer break, know that our local school counselors are available to talk with any student, teacher, parent or other community member who may need a safe place. Our staff are trained in their response and can be incredibly helpful. If you are having conversations at home with your children, [this resource from the National Association of School Psychologists](#) is a helpful guide that provides talking points that are age appropriate.

If you do feel that you or someone in your family is struggling in a more serious way, please consider accessing [Iowa’s Mobile Crisis Response system](#). The purpose is to provide free, on-site support for individuals experiencing a mental health crisis. If a mental health crisis occurs, one or two-person mental health professional teams will be dispatched to the crisis within one hour of receiving a request to support an individual in crisis. This on-site support is offered 24/7. Anyone can contact Mobile Crisis Services by contacting 1-855-581-8111.

Finally, I want to let you know that our district has a detailed safety and crisis plan that addresses a variety of situations. We have worked closely with local law enforcement and other agencies to create the plan and have engaged in safety drills to help us prepare to the extent possible. Thank you for your ongoing support and “Go Cats”.

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