

Dear President Peters,

On behalf of the Sycamore Community Unit School District 427 Board of Education, administration, faculty, staff, and student body, please accept this letter as a sincere expression of our sympathy to everyone dealing with the very tragic situation at NIU. Our thoughts and prayers are especially with those directly impacted by this senseless act of violence. Certainly none of us in leadership positions ever wish to find ourselves in a challenging situation such as this. However, we at Sycamore Schools are proud to be a part of the NIU community where you and your staff are handling such a difficult challenge with incredible grace and integrity.

Our good neighbors to the south in the DeKalb School District have invited us to participate in a demonstration of support for NIU at Saturday night's basketball game by displaying red and black. You can be assured that we will proudly take part in this event with pride. In closing, please know that you have the complete support of our school district and community as you face that challenging days ahead. If there is any way that we can be of assistance, please know that you can count on us. Again, know that all of our thoughts and prayers will be with you and the entire NIU family in the coming days.

Sincerely,

Dr. Wayne Riesen, Superintendent
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Sycamore, Illinois