

Good Afternoon,

My name is Philip Schentrup and my daughter Carmen was murdered at Stoneman Douglas.

On February 14, hours before I even knew Carmen had been murdered, Ms. Korn told reporters, "Our focus at the School District is certainly to find out from a safety perspective what's occurred". Those words turned out to be false a promise followed by months of inaction.

Three months after the shooting my wife and I stood before the board to call out the district for its complete inaction with regards to investigating the tragedy at MSD. At that time, not a single person from the district had investigated the events of that day, and not a single board member or senior staff member seemed to know about the countless failings of the school.

While I appreciate the conversations with the 4 board members who have met with us, I find myself in front of the board again. In the 5 months since Carmen's murder we are now day 2 into an investigation. Action will not happen unless the board pushes to make it happen. The bureaucracy of this district and self-interest of those involved creates an inertia that can only be overcome by your active and public engagement.

In less than one month over 3000 students will return to MSD. An MSD led by the same administration that failed Carmen and 33 others murdered or wounded.

1. An administration that intentionally breached their single point of entry every day. A practice that was reckless and stupid. Without doubt this led directly to Carmen's murder.
2. An administration that chose to ignore detailed security recommendations made months before Carmen's murder. A fact that again directly led to Carmen's murder.
3. An administration that coded as a minor behavior incident the shooter bringing bullets and knives to school when he was enrolled at MSD. Who mis-coded the information and why? Why haven't any actions been taken?

4. An administration that called for an evacuation during the shooting. Had staff bothered to look at the security cameras, which showed each hallway in the 1200 building, they would have seen the massacre occurring. Did anyone in the office even know how to use the camera system?
5. The head of school security stood right outside the 1200 building while 150 gun shots were fired and never called code red. How is he still head of security?

These are just a handful of the failings of the administration and security staff at the school. Who knows how many more will be uncovered once a real investigation occurs? Why is this board trusting the safety and security of our students and staff to the same people that allowed this tragedy to happen in the first place? That is the definition of insanity.

So, I implore you. Remove Mr. Thompson and Mr. Greenleaf from MSD, at least until a thorough investigation has been conducted to understand their actions, and more importantly lack thereof.

I implore you. Immediately remove from campus any staff member that the investigation uncovers who showed poor judgement or did not perform their job, at least until a final determination can be made, which is common practice for internal investigations.

I implore you. Take an active and ongoing role overseeing the district's investigation of the shooting. Don't assume others are handling it. Trust but verify.

I implore you. Demand district staff to present updates at each board meeting with analysis of findings and recommendations for new policies and procedures to secure the district. Ask questions, lots of them, dig deep, you might be shocked at what you find.

I implore you. Investigate the systemic problems at the district level. Why is the board spending millions of dollars on SPE and other security projects but

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allowing staff to circumvent safety protocol? Why are student and teacher reports of threats being dismissed by those in charge at schools?

I implore you. Act as if your daughter had been murder. Hold people accountable so that others don't fail our children and staff who still attend MSD and all the other schools in Broward County. If your daughter had been murder in a school I am sure you would want nothing less.