There was a lot of emotion on process on Friday in the immediate aftermath of the shocking stabbing outside Pinecrest High School in the parking lot of Pinhe School. You could see that emotion on faces of students and drama students of students as they tried to get through the day and the hundreds of students who withdrew from school could see it in the angsty-filled, confused and fractured eyes of people and parents.

No school campus is immune from violence, and making plans for how to deal can only be for the day one of its students harms another. The only thing we have to worry about when those fears are the professionalism and compassion of school staff; the responsibility and trust of parents, and a level-headed thoughtful response from our leaders.

Two out of three ain’t bad.

A Violation of Trust

The Moore County Board of Education, which has bragged about its transparency to the public, spent the last part of Friday morning ragging about disci- pline, violence and student privacy in a private text exchange that violates the public meetings laws.

Their first act was not to ask what they could do to help support school staff, students and their parents. It was to second-guess everyone and assume they had all the answers. Board Vice Chair David Hensley even goes so far to threaten to take over the Moore County Schools Police Department, which reports to the superintendent.

Then, he wrote, “We will ensure they (students) are taught that ‘no consequences,” restorative Justice, they are incarcerated.”

Lock Them Up

Board Chairman Robert Levy, who had a long career as a California law divorcer, demonstrated his ignorance for North Carolina law by trying to excuse the conversation as an “emergency dissemi- nation and ugly comments that occurred before sensitive in these texts, especially the sentiments.

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