

## News Release

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### Stanford Taylor releases statement on shooting incident at Oshkosh West High School

MADISON – State Superintendent of Public Instruction Carolyn Stanford Taylor issued the following statement in response to today’s shooting incident at Oshkosh West High School.

“No words can express the anxiety and worry our parents, students, and staff must be feeling today. Violent incidents and threats against safety in our schools break my heart.

“Our schools have always been one of the safest places for our students, and I want that to always be the case. Schools train and prepare for threats and dangerous situations because of the unfortunate reality that this can happen anywhere. I wish this wasn’t the case; we need to do more.

“I’m extending the resources of my agency to offer additional support during this time of need. I’m asking the Wisconsin Safe and Healthy Schools Center to provide whatever resources they can to the Oshkosh Area School District and the surrounding area. I will be looking into what we can accomplish with other state agencies to further address both the needs of our schools and the supports that can be provided.

“Our schools must be safe environments for our students and staff, and we are committed to working together to make sure of that.”

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