

Greetings SOCCCD Faculty and Staff,

My heart is broken today. Like many of you, I didn't sleep well last night. I deeply mourned the loss of 19 children and their two teachers killed in Texas yesterday. All 21 victims were from the same fourth grade classroom.

Although I would love to only address you with positive and uplifting messages the current state in our world today forces us to face great challenges and tragedies head on.

As Board President, I cannot remain silent about such tragedy. But I feel it to be my responsibility to communicate with you on behalf of SOCCCD leadership that we stand with you against atrocities and injustices. Additionally, we support your efforts to make the world a better place through the education of our world's future leaders.

Like you, I am committed to end these senseless tragedies. My sincere hope is that we will continue to uplift each other.

Warmest personal regards,

Marcia Milchiker Board President