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## **Lansing Branch NAACP Expresses Sympathy to Families of MSU Victims**

LANSING – Our prayers and condolences to the families for their loss in last night's active shooter tragedy at Michigan State University. They are also with the students, family, faculty and friends of everyone affected. These acts of violence are senseless, horrific and need to end. We look to our elected officials and lawmakers to identify and implement measures to help protect us from these acts of violence.

Learning about school violence can be upsetting to children and their questions can be tough to answer. Here are some resources to help guide you through these discussions:

• Age-related reactions to traumatic events

(https://www.nctsn.org/sites/default/files/resources//age related reactions to traumatic events.pdf)

• Nine Tips For Talking With Kids About Trauma

(https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/article/item/nine\_tips\_for\_talking\_to\_kids\_about\_trauma)

• Tips for Talking With and Helping Children and Youth Cope After a Disaster or Traumatic Event (https://store.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/d7/priv/sma12-4732.pdf)

We want to thank our various NAACP community partners, including Okemos Public Schools, for sharing these resources.

Founded in 1909, the NAACP is the nation's largest and most pre-eminent civil rights organization. On April 14, 1919, the Lansing Branch was chartered under the leadership of Branch President C.A. Campbell. Lansing Branch is one of 2,220 branches in the association with the mission to secure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights to eliminate race-based discrimination and ensure the health and well-being of all persons.

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