

**Press Release**

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**Chairman Herman Williams, Sr. Responds to Tragedy at Marysville Pilchuck High School**

"I am deeply saddened by the terrible tragedy in our local school district. Our prayers go out to the families and the entire community.

Our first priority is to support the families and the children of those involved.

Our community is reeling from this experience, so we ask that the media and the public honor the families and our children in this time of grief. Sadly, we are now experiencing what has become a national trend, which we, as a society, must address.

These are our children. They are suffering, and their lives will be forever changed.

The fact that tribal members were involved makes it extremely hard to respond to any inquiries until we are aware of all the circumstances.

As chairman, I ask everyone to pray for the children and families of those involved."

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