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To OSU Students and Faculty/Staff:

Let me begin by saying how saddened and shocked I am at the senseless tragedy on the campus of Virginia Tech University. I join with all of you and the rest of the nation in sending our thoughts and prayers to their campus and specifically the victims and their family and friends.

It is impossible to understand and explain why something like this happens. If any of you are having feelings of anxiety as a result of this horrifying event, I hope you take the opportunity to reach out to family and friends. Also know counselors are available to you through the OSU Student Counseling Center.

The security of this campus and safety of students, faculty, staff and visitors is always a top priority. In addition, I want to assure you that OSU has plans and procedures in place to respond to an unexpected or emergency situation.

We will continue to evaluate our policies and procedures to make sure our campus is as safe as possible.

Marlene Strathe