The month of April is linked to many significant anniversaries involving school violence. This month marks the 20th anniversary of the Columbine tragedy and other incidents related to violence targeting schools. The month of April also serves as a heightened time for racist and anti-Semitic group behavior. Yesterday’s tragedy involving Sol Pais, in Colorado, is a reminder that now more than ever schools must be vigilant. These events are often given significant attention by the media and as a result can serve as triggers to many of our youth. Schools are encouraged to be especially mindful and have processes in place to support students that may be experiencing distress.

The Los Angeles County Office of Education, Division of Student Support Services has provided links and resources to assist schools in supporting students and staff. Please share resources and links with others in your offices and schools.

Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health - Psychiatric Mobil Response Team (PMRT): 1-800-854-7771

Suicide Prevention Lifeline: [https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/](https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/)

Teen Line: 1-800-TLC-TEEN (852-8336) or text TEEN to 839863.


Talking to children about violence: [http://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources](http://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources)