

Hello and thank you for your attention. My name is Alice Adler and I live in Jamestown. I would very much like to be there in person but my work schedule does not allow it.

My daughter was a Freshman at North Kingstown HS last year when they experienced two swatting incidents.

The first time they had just had an active shooter drill assembly the day before, so the kids were pretty confused when they were told to lock down the next day. She also said the announcement was different from the one they usually use so they knew right away something was different. **They sat in the dark on the floor and she held hands with her friend and they were terrified.** Then they heard the police sirens approaching and they got even more scared. When they were released from the lockdown it was right at the end of the day so they all boarded the busses and went home. A week later I was at a meeting where there were several students present and they all voiced how scared and confused they were. Some of them had seen the busses already lined up at the school and when the lockdown was called all the busses were told to move away from the building, and when the students saw that they knew something was very wrong. Because of the chaos at the end of the school day many students were unaware what had happened and didn't know about the swatting until their parents told them at home. When my daughter got home she told me she had been pretty scared and talked about all the scary thoughts that went through her head.

In the second incident, my daughter reported being less scared because of the first event but she was clearly shaken up. That night at home she was struggling with her math homework and she said, **"What is the point of learning this math if we are just going to get shot to death while we are in German class."** (The class she was in during the lockdown.). She reported that her teacher was VERY shaken up and was unable to finish the lesson when it was over. He told the kids to just do their homework and he put relaxing music on for them to listen to. **(He is a young teacher in his mid-20s, and so he is part of the first school shooting generation so this must hit hard for him. He's had a lifetime of this.)**

**As far as I know, there were no special counseling sessions offered, and it was never officially mentioned again.**

On a side note, **NK participates in an exchange program with a school in Germany, and the German students were there that week.** My daughter spoke to one of their chaperones during a German club session and he was really pretty stunned by it all. I can't imagine how the parents of the German kids must feel about this all. It's both terrifying and embarrassing for us as a nation.

This generation knows we are failing them and they are disgusted. Talk to just about any Gen Z kid and they will tell you this point-blank. We tell them to hide and throw books at a shooter and they know what BS that is. They are begging us to do something and we continue to do nothing, History will not look kindly on we adults that have continually failed our children over and over and over again. What kind of parents and adults tell kids to sit terrified in the dark waiting for the sound of gun shots? We must do better.