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*Today, we wish not to give recognition to the shooter, but rather to the dedication of those who worked to serve students that day. All are encouraged to visit the memorial and take a moment to reflect.*

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