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Dear Superintendent Runcie:

I was disappointed by your decision to cancel the public forum on school safety scheduled for this evening. As an alternative, I invite you to attend a town hall meeting at a time that is convenient for you and members of the Broward County School Board to discuss these important issues.

In recent months, I have spoken with many constituents, including families of victims of the tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, who have greatly anticipated an opportunity to have their questions answered and their voices heard in a public setting regarding efforts to secure Broward County's schools. They deserve an opportunity for meaningful engagement with elected representatives, school officials, parents, and other community members. A town hall meeting will give them this important opportunity.

Next month, we will mark one year since the tragic loss of 17 Eagles, and we will come together to help the survivors who were scarred both physically and emotionally to heal. As we move forward to face the challenges ahead, we must communicate with one another, work with one another, and rely on one another. I am committed to doing everything that I can to address any concerns that would prevent us from engaging in a community dialogue, and I look forward to working with you to find an appropriate venue and time for a town hall meeting.

Sincerely,

Ted Deutch
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