

Grand Valley State University Student Senate



SUBJECT: Response to the MSU Tragedy

DATE: February 14th, 2023

The Grand Valley State University Student Senate is heartbroken by the events of an active shooting that took place at Michigan State University yesterday evening. GVSU's Student Senate sends our endless support to the entire Spartan community and recognizes that many Lakers have friends, family, colleagues, and loved ones at Michigan State. Our campus community grieves with the Michigan State Community, and we are here to offer any assistance to our neighbors in East Lansing.

We stand with college students across the US who are exhausted of the bloodshed and mantra to "run, hide, fight." Students should be safe to learn and grow on their college campuses and should not be terrified to attend classes, study in the library, or live in dormitories on campus. GVSU Student Senate will work tirelessly alongside the administration to ensure that we are all safe on Grand Valley's campuses and that strides are made for student safety statewide.

We encourage GVSU Students to communicate with faculty and staff regarding any support needed pertaining to missing classes or rescheduling midterms. For students looking to do so, we recommend utilizing GVSU's class attendance policy which notes that professors will make accommodations. If needed, we encourage the utilization of the many on-campus resources available to you through the Department of Public Safety, the Dean of Students Office, CARE, and the University Counseling Center.

Today and every day we send our love to the GVSU Laker Community, the MSU Spartan Community, and everyone impacted by the recent tragedy. Please stay tuned for updates from the Student Senate regarding an upcoming vigil and ways to send love to our peers at MSU.

If the GVSU Student Senate can do anything to support you in these heartbreaking times, do not hesitate to reach out.

With Respect,
Grand Valley State University Student Senate

**Submitted on the fourteenth day of February, 2023.
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