

MSD Tragedy Timeline

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Date	Note
2008 thru 2017	BSO responded to NC's home 45 times <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ At least 18 calls specific to NC ○ Incident report from Sheriff office ○ "Violent Path of NC"
May 2012 thru January 2014	NC suspended for almost a quarter of the school days at Westglades Middle School due to behavior problems
October thru November 2013	NC referred to the PROMISE program but did not attend <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ First vandalism offense on 10/3/13 was not processed (incomplete) and should have been his first PROMISE incident ○ NC should have been referred to juvenile justice system for failing to participate in PROMISE program 11/25/13
February 2014	NC transitioned to Cross Creek School, an ESE Center with more intensive and specialized services
May 2014	NC tells school therapist at Cross Creek that he dreamed of killing people
June 1, 2015	A school report says Nikolas is at times distracted by inappropriate conversations about guns and people being killed.
August 2015	Cross Creek staff recommended that NC attend MSD part-time, after 6/1/15 reports of NC's obsession with guns and people getting killed
January 2016	NC attended MSD full-time , including JROTC
February 5, 2016	BSO received tip that NC threatened to shoot up a school on Instagram <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BSO referred tip to their SRO on campus at MSD, no corrective actions reported
September 28, 2016	Concerned MSD students reported that NC wanted to ingest gasoline, cut himself, wrote "kill", and talked about getting gun – no action taken by DCF, BSO, and Henderson Behavioral Health
September 2016 thru January 2017	MSD students reported NC brought bullets in his backpack and MSD teacher recalled email from school admin stating NC was no longer permitted to carry a backpack , but threat assessments completed by school indicate "low-level" threat - serious assault is a threat with a weapon (bullets are considered a weapon) which should have

	resulted in expulsion with possible arrest, instead school withdrew NC 2/8/17
February 11, 2017	NC purchased AR-15 , 3 days after being withdrawn from MSD
September 25, 2017	FBI received the first tip about NC, including the NCs full name
November 1, 2017	NC's mother dies, cousin Katherine Blaine calls BSO requesting them to recover NC's weapons
November 2017	NC's moves in with Deschamps , friends who took in both brothers. Deschamps said she raised concerns over NC's guns , and called Palm Beach 911 several times
November 2017	Sneads took NC into their home after Deschamps asked him to leave and Sneads' son, friend of NC , asked if he could live with them
November 30, 2017	Caller calls BSO to report that NC is collecting guns and knives and could be a school shooter in the making, no report is initiated by BSO
December 15, 2017	Retired Secret Service agent Steve Wexler conducted a security risk assessment at MSD . Mr. Wexler demonstrated the schools complete lack of security and provided detailed recommendations. Follow-up meeting held with 2 AP's, Head of Security and teacher on SAFE team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It did not appear that any of Mr. Wexler's recommendations were implemented prior to 2/14/18 although all of them were zero cost changes
January 5, 2018	FBI received the second tip about NC, including his threats to kill his family, "shoot up" a school, and his routine mutilation of animals. Further, tip noted that local law enforcement was not taking this disturbed person seriously.
January 11, 2018	Law enforcement held annual critical code training with MSD admin, staff, and teachers, telling them that they will hear gunshot sounds – no active shooter drill had been done in Broward high schools and none are done with students
February 14, 2018	NC attacked MSD, killing 17 students/staff and injured 17 more <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NC entered campus around 2:20 pm (school ends at 2:40 pm) ○ NC walked through a dismissal gate that was unlocked early and unsupervised, then proceeded through an unlocked door into 1200 bldg ○ Although NC was observed walking through gate by security monitor, he didn't radio SRO or administrators about trespasser ○ Student encountered NC unpacking gun in 1200 building stairwell, told security monitor, no radio communication about gun on campus ○ Shooting begins on first floor of 1200 building

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Security monitor for 1200 building saw shooter in opposite stairwell, headed up to 2nd floor, locked himself in closet and did not call a code red/active shooter ○ Coral Springs received 911 calls about active shooting, but only dispatched Fire Rescue and forward some calls to BSO ○ Coral Springs PD becomes aware of situation through texts / calls from family members on campus and frantic response of Fire Rescue teams ○ SRO Peterson radioed BSO that shots fired in 1200 building, but does not radio school admin, tells other security staff to leave area near shooting and they do not alert admin of code red/active shooter ○ SRO Peterson stood outside of 1200 building as almost 150 rounds are fired and never entered building ○ Fire alarm was set-off from smoke and particulates in air from gunfire (2nd fire alarm of the day – teacher said they were told they would have a code red drill later that day with blanks) ○ School administrator announced an evacuation over intercom without checking cameras ○ Another administrator heard gunshot sounds during evacuation and alerted to change evacuation to code red ○ NC continued shooting 2nd and 3rd floor ○ 1200 building restrooms were locked so students trapped in hallway ○ BSO officers arrived on site, none enter 1200 building, all took up defensive positions around the building rather than charge toward shooter ○ BSO captain gave order to “stage” instead of go after the shooter, then actively kept paramedics out of building ○ Coral Springs PD and Fire Rescue entered building after shooting is finished ○ Law enforcement concerned with school’s video “delay and chaos” while looking for shooter ○ Problems with radio communication trying to locate shooter ○ NC seen leaving with crowd of students during evacuation ○ NC arrested over an hour later walking through neighborhood ○ Families notified after midnight that their loved ones were deceased
February 14, 2018	Broward School Board member Donna Korn and Superintendent Runcie spoke to the media about a swift and comprehensive investigation into what went wrong at MSD
February 16, 2018	FBI notified families and press that FBI failed to properly investigate 2 tips that would have prevented the shooting

February 27, 2018	Broward Superintendent Runcie said NC was never part of PROMISE program
February 28, 2018	MSD reopens their doors to students and staff with “more security”
March 12, 2018 (approximate)	NC’s brother trespassed on MSD campus and was never interdicted by school staff or law enforcement even though there were 4 BSO law enforcement on campus.
March 19, 2018	NC’s brother trespassed on MSD campus twice, once during school hours (2:00-2:30 pm) and other time was after school (4:30 pm). ZC was able to walk through open gates and skateboard around campus. ZC was later arrested off campus after Sheriff’s office notified.
March 20, 2018	BSO officer found sleeping on duty at MSD and several students arrested for knives/threats
March 21, 2018	Superintendent announced that MSD students required to have clear backpacks and will consider installing metal detectors at MSD
March 21, 2018	Gov. Scott deployed 8 FHP troopers to MSD for added security
April 18, 2018	Broward School Board and Superintendent Runcie held a Safety Forum at Plantation High School where MSD students and others expressed safety concerns (no MSD community meeting was held)
April 26, 2018	Broward Schools sent email blast to all BCPS families and staff in the entire district that they portrayed the mass murder as one incident to limit their liability to all victims
May 7, 2018	Broward Superintendent Runcie backtracked on original statement , in fact NC was referred to the PROMISE program
May 22, 2018	Philip and April Schentrup spoke at the School Board of Broward County meeting (scroll to 1:58:00), detailed out reported facts about the shooting, and asked the School Board to investigate what policies and procedures failed on 2/14 so all schools can be made safer (same MSD admin and security staff from 2/14/18 remained)
May 22, 2018	Broward School Board members approve \$24,000 raise and promotion for administrator over student support services, including PROMISE
May 30, 2018	NC cell phone videos released – clearly showed his plan to commit mass murder, he knew he would be able to easily walk onto campus after Uber drop off and position himself to shoot his “goal of 20”
June 1, 2018	Written statements released from security monitor Medina, stating that he saw NC, “crazy boy”, walk onto campus with a large bag on a mission
June 5, 2018	Medina’s video statement of 2/14/18 is released
June 7, 2018	Security monitors that saw NC walk onto campus and hid in closet (Medina and Taylor) were reassigned from MSD
June 8, 2018	MSD AP Maximo Rosario was promoted to Director

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Rosario was on-site during murders at MSD and his actions before, during, and after are not clear. ○ Mr. Rosario was promoted two steps, passing the Principal level and moving directly into a Director role.
June 8, 2018	Ms. Hall named as co-principal for MSD
June 14, 2018	Sun-Sentinel broke story about Medina being investigated for sexually harassing girls at MSD , including one of the 2/14 victims
June 22, 2018	Superintendent Runcie meets with the MSD families of the deceased, this is the first time he has met with some of the families, over four months later
June 26, 2018	<p>School Board members did not reappoint Medina and Taylor, months after the School Board and Mr. Runcie were initially informed about their failings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Craig Nichols, Superintendent's designee, overruled a unanimous vote (7-0) by the Professional Standards Committee to terminate Medina (Mr. Nichols is still the Chief of HR) ○ School Board and Mr. Runcie approved suspension on 12/5/17 but stated they did not know Professional Standards Committee had recommended termination ○ No reported disciplinary action has been taken against Mr. Nichols and there are no reported changes to the process or procedure for future evaluation of such cases
June 27, 2018	The 17 families that lost loved ones at MSD launched an advocacy organization called Stand With Parkland
July 23, 2018	Steve Wexler hired to begin investigation into policies and procedures, administrative actions , that failed at MSD on behalf of SBBC
July 24, 2018	Philip Schentrup returned to the School Board (scroll to 2:16:53) and detailed additional facts about MSD massacre and asked the board take steps to ensure the safety of students
August 1, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ School Board and Superintendent terminated investigation by Steve Wexler. Superintendent Runcie announced he is OK waiting until January 2019 for FDLE report findings ○ Mr. Runcie stated that steps will be taken after FDLE report sent to SBBC. MSD admin and head of security staff remain in place
August 3, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Court stated that NC educational records conducted by Board's consultant would be released. ○ Original report is heavily redacted but Sun-Sentinel staff uncovered hidden info ○ Unredacted report showed that District made several mistakes with NC in his last two years as a student, including seven hidden facts ○ No corrective actions announced by SBBC

August 7, 2018	School Board members upset when they found out from media that Superintendent paused metal detector pilot at MSD (letter sent to MSD families on August 3, 2018)
August 7, 2018	School Board members upset with attorney filed contempt of court on Sun-Sentinel reporters without clearance/approval from Board and Superintendent for exposing redaction error on NC released records
August 8, 2018	Stand With Parkland , which represents all the families of MSD murder victims, called for new representation on the School Board of Broward County that will actively address school security challenges, responsibly manage the districts finances, and demonstrate compassion
August 9, 2018	NC interrogation video (most of the interview) was released
August 14, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Dorn from Safe Havens reported their Phase 1 School Safety updates and recommended halting metal detector program at MSD ○ Mr. Dorn informed the board that he expressed his concerns on 7/23/18, the first day consultant was brought to MSD for metal detector pilot proposal ○ Mr. Dorn highlights that people and procedures are more important than equipment. School board still has not finished an investigation into the people and procedures that failed.
August 22, 2018	Additional MSD outside/external camera videos released , hoping to gain more insight into law enforcement's response on 2/14/18. School Board attorney filed for repeated appeals not to release for MSD security concerns.