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Mayfair Elementary School

3001 Princeton Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19149

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Dear Mayfair Families,

It is with immense grief that I share an update about one of our beloved Mayfair students. As you may have heard, one of our 8th Grade students was tragically killed in a car accident. He will be deeply missed and our condolences go out to his family, friends, our staff and entire school community. The family has requested that their privacy be respected at this time.

Death can be difficult for us to understand, especially when it is sudden. All of us will be feeling a variety of emotions: shock, sadness or confusion. What is most important is that we support each other as a tight-knit community.

The School District of Philadelphia's Emergency Crisis Response from the Office of Prevention and Intervention has made plans to respond to the emotional needs of the staff and students at Mayfair. During this time, the team will be providing support by bringing mental health professionals to work with students and staff as needed as they grieve and process this tragic loss. Our counselors will also be available as needed as we move forward.

Anytime death touches us, it is stressful and unimaginable. This sudden death may be disturbing to you as well as to your child(ren). It is for this reason that we especially want you to know of our care and support.

In addition, we encourage you to speak with your child(ren) so that they may share with you any feelings that they may be experiencing in the days ahead. If you believe there is a need for additional support, please reach out to the Main Office or grade band administrator and we will work to ensure your child's needs are properly addressed. You can also call or text 1-833-PHL-HOPE (1-833-745-4673) for free support and information. The 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline offers 24/7 support for individuals experiencing mental health crisis or any other kind of emotional distress.

Please do not hesitate to call me or Ms. Mbele at 215-400-3280 if you have any questions or information that you would like to share.

Sincerely,

William Day
Principal