Greetings,

I know by now most of you have heard about the tragic and painfully sad loss of Lowrey student Ghadir Saleh. On behalf of the Dearborn Public Schools I offer our most sincere condolences to the family and our continued support and prayers for a speedy recovery for Mr and Mrs. Saleh's daughter, Raghd, who was also seriously injured in the horrible incident that occurred on Memorial Day.

Our Dearborn Public Schools community, along with the Lowrey school family, mourns this devastating loss. We offer our support as we come together to give strength to the entire Saleh family. Ms. Younes, Principal at Lowrey, was with the family at the hospital and I have reached out to Ghadir's parents to assure them that we share their sorrow and our school community supports them in their time of grief. Myself, Principal Younes, Lowrey students and staff, and many other district staff members will be attending services for Ghadir on Friday.

Ms. Younes has shared <u>a letter with her community</u> and the school is planning a candlelight vigil for Friday, June 3 at 8:30 p.m. in front of Lowrey School. I ask that we join together at this vigil to show our support, to mourn our loss, and to remember Ghadir.

When we face this type of tragedy there are no easy answers, no easy way to make sense of why a young, beautiful, and shining life is taken so young. Many of us will turn to our faith for support and guidance. We may also seek the comfort of family and friends. There are no words, no thoughts, that can answer the difficult questions we have right now but I would ask that we continue to stand together, comfort each other, and pray together for the Saleh family in their time of sorrow.

With sadness in my heart,

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