



August 17, 2020

Dear SBCSC Families,

It is with a heavy heart that I'm writing to you. Over the weekend, we received word that one of our students, nine-year-old Tre'von Barnett, died from a gunshot wound early Sunday morning at his home. Tre'von had just started fifth grade at Muessel School.

Our city and our school community mourn the loss of this child. Like other times of tragedy, we recognize that our schools are more than just buildings with classrooms -- they serve as community resources designed to support our community.

Social workers will be available today and tomorrow at Muessel School and at Brown Community Learning Center for anyone wishing to meet with them.

Please keep Tre'von, his family, classmates, teachers, and friends in your prayers during this time. Our hearts are with everyone whose lives were touched by this tragedy.

C. Todd Cummings, Ph.D.

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