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Littleton Public Schools and Davis family to partner in discovery process

Littleton Public Schools and Michael and Desiree Davis have agreed to participate in a joint discovery process to better understand the events that led up to the shooting at Arapahoe High School on December 13, 2013. The Davis' daughter, Claire, was shot that day by fellow student Karl Pierson who then took his own life. Claire later died from her injuries.

"We've developed a process that meets our shared goal of making schools safer," said Michael Davis. "We very much appreciate LPS' willingness to partner with us."

Jack Reutzel, president of the Littleton Public Schools Board of Education, noted that the district is committed to safety of its students, faculty, and staff. "This will be the next of many steps already taken in the last 15 months to examine and improve processes and procedures. We have already implemented changes in the district as a result of the tragedy and we continue to want to learn how the district can make meaningful and thoughtful improvements for the benefit of all students."

The LPS Board invested nearly \$1 million for the current school year for additional counselors, psychologists, and social workers in district schools. The district has also evaluated and improved the danger assessment process, increased security measures, and partnered with local law enforcement agencies to increase the number of School Resource Officers in district schools. A Community Safety and Mental Health Advisory Committee was formed last fall and has been meeting since December 2014 for the purposes of examining current practices and procedures related to safety and mental health, finding ways for continuous improvement, and reporting these findings directly to the LPS Board of Education. This committee is composed of parents, mental health experts, community members, agency leaders, law enforcement, teachers, students, administrators, and elected officials.

"We know that the Davis family and the LPS community are committed to the safety and well-being of our students, and we welcome opportunities to learn from the past and improve the future," said LPS superintendent Scott Murphy. "We appreciate the Davis family's proposal, because we share a goal of identifying what works well and what can be improved for the safety of all students and our community as a whole."

The revised proposal was approved by the Board of Education in open session during a special meeting the afternoon of Thursday, April 2, 2015.

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