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Dear LPS Parents and Staff:

I hope all of you are enjoying Winter Break with your family and friends. I wanted to briefly reach out and remind you of a couple of items:

All LPS schools will return to the normal schedule starting the week of January 6th. Staff members will return to school Monday, January 6th and students January 7th. As we move forward, Arapahoe High School students, faculty and staff will notice an increased presence of LPS staff and other resources. There will be additional support available to all, as well. LPS is aware and sensitive to the fact that many members of our community including students, faculty and staff at all of our schools may need additional reassurance as we go forward. We will be there to provide that confidence to everyone. Furthermore, we will communicate regularly.

The LPS community is continuing to care for one another throughout the rest of winter break. Individual, group-based counseling and counseling-based activities are available at Shepherd of the Hills Church December 30, December 31, January 2, and January 3 from 10 am to 1:30 pm. Arapahoe Douglas Mental Health continues to offer their walk-in clinic at the Santa Fe House, 6509 S Santa Fe Drive, Littleton, 80120 from 10 am to 7pm daily. There is also a 24 hour crisis line at 303-730-3303. Please do not hesitate to participate. Reaching out for help is a sign of strength.

Out of concern for our schools, the Arapahoe High School Warrior family, and out of respect for Claire Davis and her family, Littleton Public Schools has chosen not to participate in public discussion of the people or the events of December 13th, 2013. The loss is truly tragic and intensely personal. While we have chosen not to participate in communications which detract in any way from our school, or from a celebration of Claire's beautiful life, a time may come when LPS is required to release information due to media requests pursuant to the Colorado Open Records Act. Please know that we will not compromise the privacy of anyone in our community, and we will not allow others to define who we are.

There will be plenty of time in the weeks to come for all of us to discuss how we move forward, what changes have been implemented, what is being contemplated, and how we will honor Claire. Our Board of Education and staff are keenly aware that we are responsible for our entire community.

Littleton Public Schools is a family. We have always and will continue to care for one another. We look forward to seeing everyone soon. Together, we will shape our future.

Sincerely,

Scott Murphy
Superintendent of Schools