



Viscount Montgomery Elementary School

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Dear families,

This letter is to offer more details and support after the Hold and Secure at our school on Monday.

As you may know, police responded to a serious assault near Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School. The victim was transported to hospital. Later Monday afternoon, Hamilton Police Service confirmed that a 14-year-old Churchill student had died from injuries sustained during an assault outside the school. Police are working closely with HWDSB and continue to investigate.

Our hearts are broken.

If your child is struggling and would like to speak with someone, please help them reach out to their teacher or school principal. HWDSB has other support personnel available including social workers from our Critical Incident Response Team. Supporting children at this time will greatly assist them in their ability to deal with this situation.

Police are appealing for anyone who saw or recorded the incident to contact 905-546-4123 or drop off footage at the Command Van located at Ivon Avenue and Dunsmure Road. To provide information anonymously call 1-800-222-8477 or submit tips online at <http://crimestoppershamilton.com>.

You may find helpful our resource document, *Tips for adults supporting children and youth after distressing events* which is online at <https://bit.ly/2LTQBcn>

We all share in the grief and sadness of having lost a respected and loved student.

Sincerely,

Josie Dalley
Principal