



Loudoun County Public Schools Media Release

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ASHBURN, Va. - As I am sure many of you are experiencing, my heart is heavy today. I hope you will join me in taking a moment to share our grief and support for all those affected by last night's gas explosion in Meadowland. This horrific event has touched every corner of our community, and in times like these, it is important that we draw strength from one another as we navigate the path toward healing and support those most profoundly affected.

The collective thoughts and prayers of LCPS are with every family, first responder, and community member today. Words fall short in expressing the gratitude I have for the firefighters who, with unwavering courage, confronted danger to protect their fellow citizens.

It is with great sadness that I also extend my deepest condolences to the family of Trevor Brown, the brave firefighter who tragically lost his life yesterday. This hero's selfless dedication to protecting others has left an indelible mark on our community and we share in the sorrow of this devastating loss.

LCPS has mental health professionals available at this time to help any students with questions they may have or difficulties they might experience. Students or parents may reach out at any time to SMHSleadershipteam@lcps.org and provide the best phone number to contact you. One of our team members will be in touch within 24 hours.

LCPS Central Support will have extra counselors at the affected schools on Tuesday, and members of the Unified Mental Health Team will be available to speak with any students who need assistance. For [community resources](#) on kids and grief, please visit the LCPS website.

Especially in times like these, please remember to take care of yourselves and each other,

Dr. Aaron Spence

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