



Science and Engineering Magnet High School



March 22, 2020

Dear SEM Family,

It is with deep regret that we inform you about a recent loss to our school community. On March 17, an SEM sophomore, passed away. This loss is sure to raise many emotions, concerns, and questions for our entire school, especially our students.

Our school and Dallas ISD has a Crisis Intervention Team made up of professionals trained to help with the needs of students, parents, and school personnel at difficult times such as this. At our school, we have counselors available for any student who may need or want help or any assistance surrounding this loss. Due to current events affecting school closures, we have made these professionals available by phone. The counselors will speak with any students who need to talk through this challenging time. I encourage you to be attentive and listen to your child and look for signs that they may need additional support. Students in need of assistance may contact their counselor via email. If you would like further information or need assistance, please do not hesitate to utilize any of the following resources:

- Dallas ISD Let's Talk <https://www.dallasisd.org/letstalk>
- Adapt Mobile Crisis 24/7 crisis and intervention 866-260-8000
- suicidepreventionlifeline.org
- National Suicide Hotline 24/7: 800-273-8255

We are saddened by the loss to our school community and will make every effort to help you and your child as you need.

Sincerely,

Andrew Palacios, School of Science and Engineering

Andrew Palacios, Principal

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