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Dear Families,

I first want to thank everyone for continuing to pray for the VanderGiessens and the support and care offered to both students and adults who are hurting. I am truly amazed by the compassion and love demonstrated by so many caring people.

Our commitment over the next days, weeks, and months we will:

- Continue to provide support and resources to students, staff, and families
- Continue to investigate and gather information and respond
- Take a critical look at our prevention practices and interventions and determine how to make improvements
- Review training and education we provide staff and students

In order to begin this process I would like to invite families and community members to a meeting so that we can hear from you about what you feel can be done to help prevent bullying and hurtful behaviors from impacting others and also share what we currently do and have in place while working with students.

The purpose of this meeting will be to open the dialogue and make sure we hear from our families and community about ways we can work as a school district and as partners with families and our community to make our schools and community a safe place for all kids.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 22nd from 6:30-8:00 at Isom Elementary. I hope that you will come and share your thoughts with us.

Thank you,

Jim Frey  
Superintendent  
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