



## Muskegon Heights Academy

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Dr. William Hickman, Principal

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is with immense sadness and a heavy heart that I write to inform you of the untimely passing of High School Math teacher Mr. Brandon Holmes, a beloved member of our Muskegon Heights Academy family and a dedicated math teacher. This devastating loss has deeply affected our school community, and we extend our deepest condolences to his family, friends, colleagues, and students during this difficult time.

Today, we made every effort to support our students and staff as they cope with this tragic news. Counselors were available throughout the day to provide emotional support and guidance to those who needed it. We understand the impact this loss may have on your child, and we are committed to assisting them in any way we can.

Grief can manifest differently in each individual, and we encourage you to have open conversations with your child about their feelings and concerns. Please reassure them that it's normal to experience a range of emotions during this time and that we are here to support them. Our dedicated counseling team will continue to be available for ongoing support and will work closely with teachers to ensure the well-being of our students. We will also collaborate with our teaching staff to ensure continuity in their academic progress.

We understand that parents may have questions or concerns, and we are here to address them. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our school office or the counseling department if you require any assistance or have specific requests.

During this time, it is crucial that we come together as a community to support one another. We encourage parents to engage in open communication with their children and to look out for signs of distress. Together, we can help our students find solace and healing.

Once again, our thoughts and prayers are with Math teacher Mr. Brandon Holmes's family as they navigate this difficult journey. We will honor his memory by continuing to provide a safe and nurturing environment for our students, just as he did throughout his time at Muskegon Heights Academy.

Thank you for your support and understanding during this challenging time.

Sincerely,

Dr. William Hickman

Principal