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Dear Farrington Families,

Saturday morning we learned sad news that Darren Bonsant, our daytime custodian, passed away peacefully at home of what appears to be of natural causes, not related to COVID. We reached out to families this morning since we did not believe it was appropriate to share this information remotely with students as we would not be able to offer the support they may need in hearing this sad news. However, if students did share the news in class, the teachers were prepared to support the students. We want you to be aware of the loss as he was an important member of our school community and you and/or your child may hear of the loss from community members.

If you feel comfortable sharing this information with your child, you are welcome to do so. It is important to know that people often go through a sequence of emotional reactions following a loss: 1) high anxiety, 2) denial, 3) anger, 4) remorse, 5) grief and 6) reconciliation. If you are seeing signs that your child needs support, please contact us immediately so we can provide your child with what he or she needs through this difficult time. Our guidance counselor and LCPC's are available for students and staff if needed.

Our sincere condolences go out to the Bonsant family. Darren touched many lives through the love for his work, especially connecting with students and staff, and working each day to make sure our school facility was a safe and welcoming place for all. He loved coming to school each day to make a difference in the lives of students. He will be missed.

Sincerely,

Teresa Beaudoin
Principal