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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and PAUSD family,

It is with a heavy heart that I must share some tragic news with you today. I recently learned that our community has lost a precious young life. A young woman was killed Friday afternoon when she was struck by a train at the Palo Alto Avenue crossing near Menlo Park. She was a 2014 graduate of Gunn High School.

While we do not know the details of this tragedy or cannot share the young woman's identity, there is no question that her passing brings deep sadness to our community, which has already endured such pain. I am sure that you join me in extending her family and friends the deepest sympathy and are keeping them in your thoughts.

We will have grief counselors, our mental health therapists, and psychologists available to support your children and our teachers at Gunn and throughout our school district on Monday and throughout the week. I also would like to stress that it is imperative for all of us to be vigilant and keep a close eye on our children and to encourage them to look after one another.

Thinking of our community's children,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glenn W. 'Max' McGee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Glenn W. "Max" McGee