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Dear Members of the Educational Community:

We regret to inform you that our school community and the district have experienced a tragic loss. Mr. Patrick Manley, Superintendent of Schools, passed away on Thursday evening, December 27, 2018. We know that the entire Franklin Square community will join us in extending our sympathy to the Manley family and will keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

Patrick Manley began his career in Franklin Square in 2005. Coming from Wall Street, he brought a special knowledge to his appointment as Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Management. In 2010, he was appointed Superintendent of the Franklin Square School District. Mr. Manley worked each and every day to ensure that the children of Franklin Square, and the community at large, were the recipients of a first class education. Among his many accomplishments were bringing Pre-Kindergarten to the district and expanding bussing to include children in grades four through six. In an article from the Franklin Square Herald, upon his appointment as Superintendent, Mr. Manley said that students were a huge part of what makes him do what he does, and why he was so happy that he made the switch from Wall Street to Washington Street. He stated, "I'm lucky enough to have my office in an elementary school. I get to see children every day. It reminds you why you do this job. It's a very special place." The Franklin Square community was also fortunate that Mr. Manley was a part of this very special place. He touched many lives here, and he will be missed!

Children, parents, and staff will react in different ways to this very sad event. We are in the process of implementing a plan for responding to this type of loss. Mental Health Professionals recommend and encourage supportive discussions in the classrooms and with smaller groups. Accordingly, when we return to school on Wednesday, January 2, 2019, we will have personnel available to any children, parents, and staff who require special attention. At the same time, we will try to maintain as normal a school routine and structure as the situation will allow.

Funeral arrangements for Patrick Manley have not been confirmed at this time. The family has requested that we respect their privacy during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Mr. Stephen Toto
President
Franklin Square Board of Education

Dr. Ranier W. Melucci
Interim Superintendent of Schools