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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Elizabeth Public Schools Learning Community:

It is with great sadness that I share with you that we have lost a valued member of the Elizabeth community and former Elizabeth Public Schools team member who passed away in a fire that took place last night on Park Avenue.

Damaryz Vazquez served Elizabeth Public Schools with great dedication for 15 years, including at Madison-Monroe School No. 16 and Elmora School No. 12, before retiring in 2014. As a parent liaison, she she was able to use her great talent for building bridges among community members to assist families in communicating with school team members.

She was also a prominent and highly active member of the Elizabeth community as a dance studio owner and instructor. The environment she created went beyond learning dance, bringing people together in the celebration and preservation of Latin culture. Her tireless work in organizing dance and charity events while maintaining a strong leadership presence in community social clubs helped her create a strong bond with residents throughout Elizabeth.

Her passing is a tremendous loss for both the Elizabeth Public Schools community and the greater Elizabeth community. Her memory on contributions to the community will undoubtedly carry on through the many lives she inspired.

On behalf of our team members, students, and the Elizabeth Board of Education, I offer our thoughts, condolences, and prayers to the family and friends of Damaryz Vazquez at this very difficult time.

Sincerely,

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