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Jeffrey K. Butts, Ph.D.

Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are all sadly aware of the sacrifice that IMPD Officer, Rod Bradway, made while protecting the citizens of Indianapolis. We are honored that the city of Indianapolis has chosen to include Wayne Township for a major portion of Officer Bradway's funeral procession this Thursday. However, as a result, the M.S.D. of Wayne Township will cancel school this Thursday, September 26. This decision was made in the interest of our children's safety, the safety of our parents, and the concerns over traffic patterns during the processional. We believe the processional will arrive in Wayne Township by 1:30 p.m. and could last several hours causing great concern on our ability to provide afternoon bus transportation for our students in a timely manner.

Before serving with IMPD, Officer Bradway was a member of the Wayne Township Fire Department. His funeral procession will leave Banker's Life Fieldhouse, travel west on Washington Street, south on Holt Road, West on Sam Jones Expressway passing by the Wayne Township Fire Station 81 where he served, north on High School Road past the Emergency Services Education Center and the Wayne Township Fire Headquarters, east on 10th Street, and north on Lynhurst before leaving the M.S.D. of Wayne Township Boundaries. The funeral procession is expected to include approximately 1,000 police cars as well as other non-police vehicles.

Due to the uncertainties around the procession's arrival in our school district and how long it will travel through the district, we are unable to make reliable plans for afternoon bus service for our students. Rather than leaving parents uncertain as to when their children will be home, or facing the prospect of our children sitting on buses for hours in traffic, we have made the decision to cancel school for Thursday. Since we include two extra days into our schedule each year in anticipation of inclement weather, we will not be required to make this day up at the end of the school year.

After school events at our secondary schools will still be conducted as previously scheduled. Similarly to a day in which school is cancelled due to weather, childcare will be offered for those children already enrolled at the Wayne Township Preschool between 6:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and the YMCA will offer daycare at Bridgeport Elementary. If you are interested in registering for the YMCA program, please call the YMCA at 484-9622. While we regret the necessity to make this decision, we hope that providing this information to you as early as possible gives you a chance to plan for Thursday's change. I encourage you to continue to keep Officer Bradway's family in your thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JK Butts".

Jeffrey K. Butts, Ph.D.
Superintendent

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