

BOARD STATEMENT:

Over the past week, we as a Kentwood community have been rocked with sadness and grief regarding the loss of our beloved student, Mujey Dumbuya. Every life is precious and her light was especially bright. When one so young is taken from us, it is devastating to all within our community. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with her family.

In the midst of this tragedy, I want to express gratitude for the tremendous outpouring of support from students, parents, teachers, staff members and community members. As a community, you have come together to assist and stand with those who are hurting. We always say, Kentwood is a family and we stand together through the good times, but even stronger through the tough times.

We are continuing to work with law enforcement as they investigate what occurred. We also will continue to conduct our own internal investigation. If you have information regarding this case, please contact the authorities immediately. If you have questions or concerns regarding school issues, please do not hesitate to contact the Superintendent's office or your building administrator.

As a district, we remain committed to providing a safe and positive learning environment for students, teachers and staff members. We will continue to push forward in providing an education of excellence for every child and young person in the district. When issues and concerns arise, we are committed to investigating and responding to ensure that our district embodies the Kentwood values and educational *Best Practices* in all that we do.

As a Board, we would like to express a special word of thanks to the parents and community members. Many of you have reached out and assisted the district as we provide ongoing support to those who are grieving. We are so proud of our students, teachers, staff members, and alumni who continue to make a positive difference in the world. During this tragic situation they have modelled compassion and caring for the Dumbuya family. These behaviors are reflective of what happens across our district on a daily basis. Kentwood is our family.