



LINDENWOLD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Superintendent of Schools

December 6, 2022

Dear Lindenwold School District Families,

It is with great sadness that I share the loss of one of our own – a 9th grade Lindenwold High School Student, Dai'meon Allen. He may have only been a Lion for a short time, but to us – “Once a Lion – always a Lion in our hearts.”

Although we were aware of this tragedy yesterday, please understand this is currently an on-going police investigation, and we need to respect the guidance provided by law enforcement, the legal process, and most importantly, the family's privacy and wishes. Although our staff was prepared for our students on Monday, December 5th, we are only now able to publicly communicate with our community at-large.

Yesterday, our Lindenwold High School Staff came together as a faculty to learn about the recent tragic news and to prepare to support our children upon their arrival. Counselors were notified and on stand-by throughout the school day. They were and will continue to be available for both students and staff. At the end of the day, LHS did hold a “Moment of Silence” to honor Dai'meon. This was not only what our student body requested, it was also a time when our LHS community could come together to keep Dai'meon and his family in our thoughts during this difficult time.

At this time, the District has been in communication with the Camden County Prosecutor's Office, Camden City Police Department, Lindenwold Police Department, and Dai'meon's family. Anyone with information is asked to contact Camden County Prosecutor's Office Homicide Unit Detective Matthew Kreidler (856) 930-5355 and Camden County Police Department Detective Matthew Dunlop at (609) 519-7344. Tips can also be sent anonymously to [CAMDEN.TIPS](https://www.camden.tips).

If you feel as if your child is in need of talking to someone or in need of additional support, please do not hesitate to reach out to your school counseling department or administration.

A dear friend of mine once shared the following, which I reflect upon often: *“People come into our lives for a reason and a purpose. Paths may cross and individuals may journey forward, but our hearts now share a connected imprint. That connection remains part of who we are. Our crossed paths keep memories alive, forever, in our connected hearts.”* Please keep Dai'meon and his family in your hearts during this very difficult time.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kristin P. O'Neil
Superintendent