

PRESS ADVISORY

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Statement regarding Daizsa Bausby

KANSAS CITY, MO. – The entire staff at Kansas City Public Schools, Southwest Early College Campus and the KCPS Early College Academy (ECA) wish to express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Daizsa Bausby, a SWECC/ECA senior whose recent death has been ruled a homicide by investigating authorities.

Ms. Bausby, who was 18 at the time of her death, was a talented, dedicated scholar who made a positive impact on the staff and students who were fortunate enough to know her. She excelled in her classes and was a leader in extra-curricular activities like cheerleading and the performing arts. She was a caring, committed family member and friend. As an ECA student, she was on track to graduate at the top of her class with both a high school diploma from SWECC and a two-year associate's degree from Metropolitan Community College-Penn Valley.

“Daizsa was a bright light in the ECA that was extinguished way too early,” said ECA Coordinator Paula Schaaf. “Our thoughts and well wishes continue to be with the family and those who loved her.”

“She was an inspiration,” said SWECC Principal Earl Williams. “She was a mentor to all of our kids through the activities she was involved with, and as they move forward, they will remember her spirit and wisdom.”

It's impossible to measure the loss caused by a death like this, but it's clear Ms. Bausby would have made a great impact on the world as she developed into a young adult. In the wake of Ms. Bausby's death, KCPS is providing support for the staff and students who knew her. We will focus on teaching our students to live in a way that honors her memory.

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