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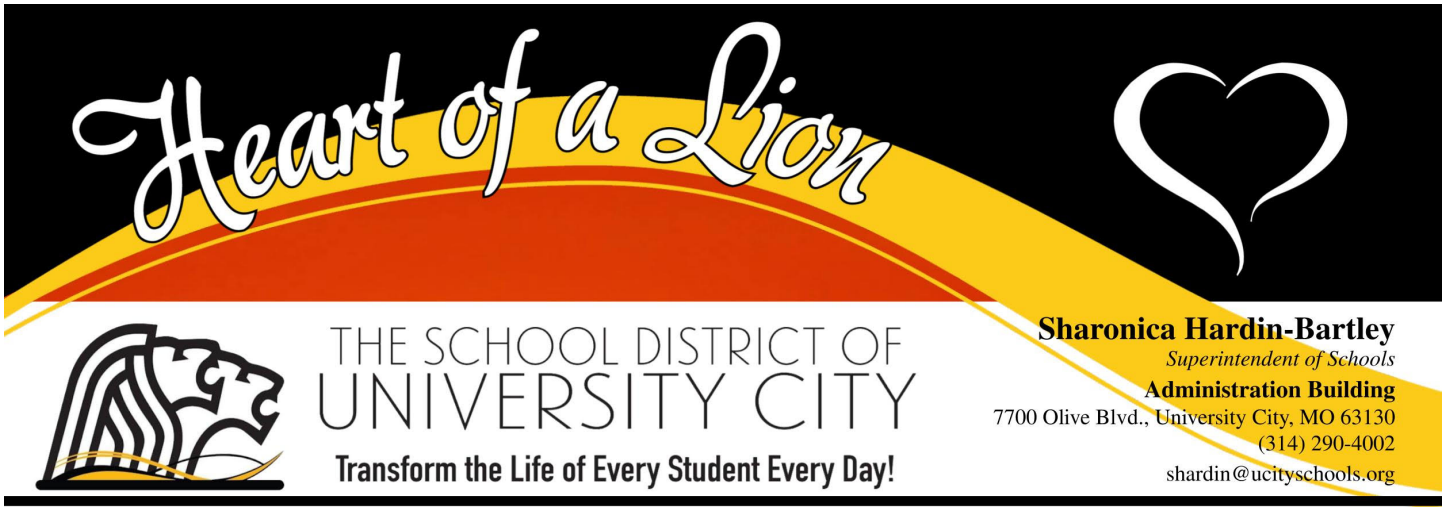

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Dear School District of University City Community:

My heart is breaking for our St. Louis Public Schools Community. We know so far that lives were lost and individuals were injured after a shooting at Central Visual and Performing Arts (CVPA) High School on South Grand Boulevard this morning. SLPS is dear to my heart and was my home for many years. A tragedy such as this should never happen, and writing messages such as this causes me great despair.

We, as a district, are in mourning for the children, staff, parents, caregivers and families who were harmed or impacted in this horrific way.

Please be aware that while there are no incidents in or around our schools, we are working closely with our school leaders to ensure everyone's safety and well-being. Also, our University City Police Department partners are on site. We do have students at various grade levels who have learned of the news and have questions and concerns. Staff are ready and available to answer questions and offer support.

It takes all of us to make sure our schools are safe. Your partnership is so vital. We continue to review our safety and security procedures to ensure our schools are thriving, healthy and exceptionally safe spaces.

I am so deeply sorry that this has happened again in a school, right here in our St. Louis community. Please feel free to contact me at shardin@ucityschools.org or on my cell phone at 314-399-0941 with any questions, concerns or if you need support. Please keep the entire SLPS community in your thoughts.

In Service of Our Children,

Sharonica Hardin Bartley, PhD, PHR
Superintendent

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