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Statement of Sorrow from Pittsburgh Public Schools January 15, 2026

PITTSBURGH, January 15, 2026 - We are deeply saddened to share the passing of Pittsburgh Manchester PreK–8 student Kruz Amir Bailey Baker. Kruz, a first-grade student, died from injuries sustained in a tragic firearm accident that occurred in his family's home this past Saturday.

Kruz will be remembered as a sweet and joyful young boy whose smile could light up a room. Like many children his age, he loved being active, and gym was his favorite class. He most recently shared a wonderful day with his friends at the school's math fair.

Our hearts are with Kruz's family, friends, and the Pittsburgh Manchester school community during this incredibly difficult time.

Pittsburgh Public Schools is coordinating with school leadership to provide counseling and support services for students and staff. A communication will be sent home to families today. We respectfully ask that the media honor the privacy of the school community during this time of loss. No further comment will be provided by the school or District at this time.

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