



# Commerce Public Schools

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Dear Commerce School Family:

Our hearts are extremely heavy this morning as we mourn the loss of a treasured member of our school family. Our Middle School Principal, Mr. John Medlin's wife and Mr. Andrew Medlin's mother, Patricia Medlin passed away last night. As you may know, Mrs. Medlin served as a substitute in all of our schools and had a connection with all of our staff and students. I performed the difficult task of informing our teachers and middle school students this morning and we are all experiencing this tragic loss together.

To support our school community during this difficult time, local school counselors have volunteered to come and be available to students and staff today. If students would like to talk with someone about their feelings of loss or if you have concerns about how they are coping with grief, please contact the school to let us know. We have many caring professionals as part of our school family who can support and assist them.

Commerce is a close-knit school community. In our school family, no one experiences pain or loss alone. Our students, parents and staff take pride in caring for one another. Please continue to keep the student's families in your thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Stephen Moss  
Superintendent

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