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Dear CPS Parent or Guardian,

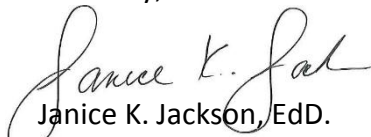
As you may be aware, video footage surrounding the shooting death of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald will soon be released to the public. This footage is sure to raise many emotions among our children, and we want you to know that CPS will do everything possible to meet their needs.

First, please know that this video will not be shown in our schools. Even so, we know that many students will likely be discussing it and may be upset by its violent content. To make sure that children have a safe outlet for their questions and emotions, we have created a special toolkit that will help teachers talk to students about this incident in a sensitive and constructive way. The toolkit suggests the students continue the conversation at home, sharing what they've learned with their parents and having an open dialogue.

In addition to the steps we are taking in the classroom, our school counselors are always available to speak with students who may need additional support. When you are talking with your children about this situation, please encourage them to reach out to their counselors for help at any time.

We appreciate you partnering with us as we work to help our students process this difficult turn of events. If you have any questions about how this situation will be handled in your child's school, please contact your principal directly.

Sincerely,

  
Janice K. Jackson, EdD.  
Chief Education Officer