

## Office of the Superintendent



Students First: Inspire,  
Educate, Celebrate

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*Superintendent*

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Greetings,

As our phones, computers, and televisions all begin to share the news of another tragic event on a school campus we were once again reminded that the peace and safety we all enjoy is also fragile and easily broken. We struggle to put into words the deep emotions and feelings we know all parents experience when they hear of horrible tragedies like the one that occurred on the campus of Michigan State. On behalf of the Board of Education and the entire Dearborn Public Schools we offer our most sincere condolences to the families who have lost a loved one, prayers for those who sustained serious injuries, and our support to the larger Michigan State University community.

Unfortunately, this tragedy is also a sobering reminder that terrible events can happen anywhere at any time. It truly takes all of us as a community, working together and communicating, to prevent these violent acts from occurring. I want to thank Mayor Hammoud and Dearborn Police Chief Issa Shahin for their continued support for the safety and well being of our students, staff and our schools. We are very fortunate to have a strong partnership with the Dearborn Police Department, including year round collaboration and thought partnership on how to cultivate the safest possible environment for students and their families. When I spoke with Chief Shahin after hearing of the horrible incident at MSU he shared with me the following:

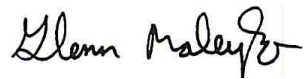
“It’s important for parents to know that our department not only stands ready to swiftly respond to any threats, but also that we work around the clock, and year round, to prevent these threats from materializing. Our strong partnership with Dearborn Schools is one of our greatest assets. Ultimately, it’s going to take all of us working together to keep our communities safe, and I look forward to building upon our engagement with the community and our collaboration with Dearborn Schools.”

In addition to Chief Shahin’s comments I would like to add that the School Resource Officers are part of the Dearborn Public Schools culture and work tirelessly to build strong relationships with our students to prevent tragedies before they occur. I am confident in the emergency management plans we have in place, the drills that our schools practice throughout the year and our incredible staff who all contribute to the ongoing efforts to keep our schools safe.

However, we can't do it alone. Please continue to talk with your children and urge them to reach out to their teachers or other trusted adults when they hear of any potentially dangerous situation or safety issue. Our school social workers and psychologists do an incredible job providing our students with the support they need. They will be available to talk with any student who may be having a difficult time processing the event that occurred at Michigan State.

We live in a caring community and together we will continue our efforts to keep our schools, neighborhoods, and city a safe place for all. It is this same sense of compassion and care that stands with the entire Spartan community to support them through this most difficult time.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glenn Maleyko". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'G' and 'M'.

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