



DEPEW UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

DEPEW HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Depew Union Free School District Community,

It is with great sadness that I am writing this letter as one of our beloved teachers, Susan Owens, passed away on Friday, July 28th. Sue has been a member of the Depew family for over 18 years. During her career, she has positively impacted the lives of so many of our students and families.

Sue was a true advocate and role model for the students she served. Her tireless and selfless efforts in helping our children learn and grow earned her the respect of every student, family, and colleague she ever worked with. Her teaching was well beyond content and academics. Sue fostered character, perseverance and helped our children gain confidence in themselves as both learners and persons. She was dedicated to our Depew family and has left a teaching legacy that will always be in our hearts and minds.

With the passing of someone near and dear to our school, our students and Depew family may have many questions and emotions. Please know that we are here to provide support and care as our school counselors and administration will be available whenever a need arises. If as a parent, you have any concerns about your child's grief, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

In order to allow the Depew School family to begin its healing process, we will have our counselors on-site at Depew High School on both July 31st and August 1st from 8:00am to 2:00pm. They will be available to meet with individuals or small groups as needed. As mentioned above, we are committed to providing support for your child at any time should the need arise.

As we progress toward the beginning of the school year, we will continue to focus our efforts on the health and wellness of our students and staff. We will be working on a remembrance so our students and Depew Family can properly pay respects and honor Mrs. Owens. Again, please know that we are here for you whenever there is a need. Our main office phone number is 716.686.5091. Our counseling center phone number is 716.686.5069.

Sincerely,

James J. Lupini
Executive Principal
Depew High School

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