



December 15, 2022

Dear Calla High School students and families,

It is with a heavy heart that we write this letter informing you that our beloved principal, Mr. Dan Beukelman, passed away early this morning. As many of you may know, Mr. Beukelman was battling a terminal illness.

I ask you to join the faculty and staff of Calla High in keeping Mr. Beukelman's family in your hearts during this very difficult time. We are deeply saddened by this loss to our school community.

Additional counselors are on campus for students who many need emotional support. We realize that the passing of a school figure is extremely traumatic and students, staff as well as families will be grieving. Support services will be available for as long as necessary.

Students: teachers and staff may be checking in on you as you process this news. Our doors are always open for anyone who may be struggling. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need support – we are here for you.

Families: we encourage you to be especially sensitive and prepared to offer support to your child during this time. Please pay particular attention to your child's emotional needs during the next few weeks, especially if they are deeply affected by this tragedy.

If you'd like to send your personal condolences to Mr. Beukelman's family, we will be collecting cards and letters in our school office and will deliver to his family on behalf of our school.

Please call our office at 209-858-7230 should you have questions or concerns. Our Health Services team is also available for additional guidance at 209-858-0783. Please also visit MUSD's Emotional and Mental Wellness Resource Center at [www.mantecausd.net/wellnessresources](http://www.mantecausd.net/wellnessresources) with many support lines for those in need.

Regards,

The Calla High School Administration Team  
Steve Souza, Interim Principal