



PRESS RELEASE – ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Statement on Behalf of Michael L. Christensen, Superintendent of Schools:

We are shocked and greatly saddened by the hit-and-run accident that claimed the lives of three middle school students on Halloween. What should have been an evening of fun and excitement with friends went tragically wrong around 6:45 PM, when the three girls were struck by a hit-and-run driver in the crosswalk in front of Fairhaven Elementary School, on Fairhaven Avenue in Santa Ana. The girls attended Portola Middle School and Santiago Charter School.

Psychological support services are available for all staff, family members, and students at Fairhaven, Portola, and Santiago's school campuses. Several classrooms at each site have been identified for these support services. Principals at the respective schools have developed response plans in collaboration with the Offices of Student and Community Services and Psychological Services.

Please keep the victims' families, fellow students and teachers in your thoughts and prayers as they cope with this terrible loss. Information on services and how/where to make donations to help the families with expenses will be provided when that information becomes available.

Our deepest sympathies go to the family and friends of these young ladies.

Michael L. Christensen
Superintendent
Orange Unified School District

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The Orange Unified School District educates approximately 30,000 students in the Cities of Orange, Villa Park, Anaheim, Garden Grove, Santa Ana and county areas. The school district, founded in 1953, encompasses 108 square miles. The District office is located at 1401 N. Handy Street, Orange, California.