



MEDIA ADVISORY

Kelvin High School mourns death of former student

June 3, 2015 (Winnipeg, MB) – It is with deep sadness that Winnipeg School Division (WSD) informs the community of the loss yesterday of a former Kelvin High School student. Winnipeg Police Services has confirmed Brett Bourne was pronounced deceased Tuesday evening in hospital as the result of injuries suffered during an altercation Tuesday afternoon near the school.

WSD Clinical Support Services immediately attended Kelvin High School on Tuesday and today to provide support for students and staff. Counsellors will continue to provide services at the schools and in the community as needed.

“We have a good school with great students and a terrific staff and it is devastating to our school community to have such a senseless act take place,” said Principal Jim Brown. “I’m very thankful to Winnipeg Police Services, the Tactical Support Team and Winnipeg Fire and Paramedic Services for their response and support.” Brown said students and staff at the school are shocked and grieving, but coming together to support each other as details emerge from the police investigation.

WSD School Board of Trustees Chair Mark Wasyliw is also appreciative of the quick actions of teachers and staff who ensured students were kept safely indoors while police secured the area.

“I want to convey our deepest sorrow and most sincere condolences of the entire Kelvin High community to Brett’s parents and family,” said Wasyliw. Wasyliw noted that he had been personally contacted by Minister James Allum (Minister of Education and Advanced Learning) who pledged the province’s support in this tragedy, as well as expressions of support from Councillor Orlikow (River Heights - Fort Garry ward) and the City of Winnipeg. Community members in need of further support can contact the Service Director at WSD Clinical Support Services at 204-786-7841.

Anyone with further information who has not yet spoken to Homicide Investigators is asked to call 204-986-6508 or Crime Stoppers at 204-786-8477.

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