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Superintendent Offers Condolences to Family of First-grader Killed by Dog

It is with the heaviest of hearts that I share my thoughts and offer condolences to the family of Sadie Davila, a first-grade student at Woodlawn Elementary. Seven-year-old Sadie was playing outside a relative's home Friday evening when a neighbor's unleashed dog attacked her, inflicting fatal injuries.

This news is devastating to our entire school community, as young Sadie was blossoming in the dawn of her life and education with so much promise awaiting her. It is difficult to comprehend the enormous pain and remorse her family and friends are experiencing in the wake of this tragedy. While we are a school district comprising over 41,000 students, every single one of them is unique, special and a gift to us all.

Sadie's teacher, Grace Feucht remains heartbroken about the loss of a student who has made such an impact on her life. "Sadie was fierce and spunky, but she was also tender hearted and kind," Feucht reflected. "She brought energy and joy into my class every single time she stepped in the door. She was fearless and would sing her heart out in front of her classmates. She was a gift to me and made me smile and laugh many times. I sadly expect our classroom to feel considerably emptier Monday without her precious presence. I am so grateful to have had the honor of teaching her."

To be sure, the shock and impact will be felt far and wide as we provide our collective, steadfast support to Sadie's family and school community. EBRPSS ICare counselors will be at Woodlawn Elementary beginning Monday to provide support for students and staff. Please keep Sadie's family in your thoughts as we fondly remember the mark she made on so many.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent, East Baton Rouge Parish School System

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