



The School District of Philadelphia
The Philadelphia High School for the Creative and Performing Arts
901 S. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147
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Joanne Beaver, Principal

September 8, 2022

Dear CAPA Community,

It is with a heavy heart and immense grief that I share an update about one of our beloved teachers, Ms. LaDeva Davis. We learned this morning that Ms. Davis passed away. As you know, she was a founding faculty member of CAPA and has been an instrumental dance instructor since the school opened in 1978. Ms. Davis has been a pillar in our school community, inspiring and caring for so many students over the years and creating opportunities for our students to thrive. To say she will be missed is an understatement.

To best support our students and families, we have the School District of Philadelphia's Office of Prevention and Intervention onsite. Our staff will also be available for support, so we can come together as a community to support one another during this time of grief. We know that this information will be sad and confusing for many of our students.

In addition, we encourage you to speak with your child(ren) so that they may share with you any feelings that they may be experiencing in the days ahead. If you believe there is a need for additional support, please reach out to the Main Office and we will work to ensure your child's needs are properly addressed. You can also call or text 1-833-PHL-HOPE (1-833-745-4673) for free support and information.

During challenging times like this, I know the power and love of the CAPA community. Please see the message below that Ms. Davis's family asked me to share. We will continue to stay connected and support each other through this period. Please be in touch with our team if you have any questions or need any support.

Sincerely,

Joanne Beaver
Principal, CAPA

Notice on behalf of the family of LaDeva Davis:



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In the early morning of Thursday, September 8, 2022, our beloved Aunt Dee, LaDeva M. Davis, passed away after suffering a massive stroke just a few days before. We are broken-hearted. Within the next few days, we will set a date for a service in her honor, and we will share the details as soon as we have them.

People have asked about sending notes and cards to the family. We welcome receiving them and learning about the numerous ways our aunt touched many lives and made a difference. We have learned that people are volunteering to collect notes and cards, some of whom we do not know. Therefore, to ensure that we receive them, we would prefer to hear from you directly. Please send expressions of condolences to the attention of Kristen Reid, 235 West Cheltenham Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19144.

Thank you for holding us in your hearts during this difficult time. We will share information again soon.

Sorrowfully,
Beth Johnson and Ed Davis
LaDeva Davis' niece and nephew