



# MMSD UPDATE

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MMSD Families,

As you know, people across Shelby County have been experiencing a range of difficult emotions in recent weeks following the tragic death of Tyre Nichols. There has been a great deal of civic and media attention, which has only added to the sensitivity around this situation. We recognize that the scheduled release of the police footage this evening will be distressing for many, and thankfully, steps are being taken across Memphis and Shelby County to help maintain peace and safety during this time.

**With that in mind, we are canceling after-school activities today. The only exception is our Y-Care program, which ends at 6 p.m. Several other districts across the county have made the same decision to cancel activities. We will provide more information about rescheduled activities next week.**

We're well aware that this situation is on the minds of our students, families, and staff, and we are saddened by the impact it's having. For that reason, we have provided some resources below to help children and young adults process and cope with these types of situations. Additionally, please know that if your child is having difficulty coping, our counselors are available every school day to assist them.

We pray our community is safe and peaceful in the coming days, and we hope you all take care of yourselves and be as supportive as you can for your children and loved ones.

**Here are some resources:**

- National Association of School Psychologists: [Talking to Children About Violence: Tips for Parents and Teachers](#)
- Children Development Institute: [How to Talk to Kids about Tragedies in the Media](#)
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration: [Coping with Grief after Community Violence](#)
- [15 Tips for Talking with Children About Violence](#)

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