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Dear Manchester Public School Parents, Students and Staff,

The Manchester Police Department and the Manchester School District would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the citizens of the City of Manchester, especially the students, parents and faculty at Central High School. We would also like to thank the Manchester Transit Authority and STS for assisting in the transportation of approximately 1,200 students after a long and tiresome event, which took place on Friday September 7, 2018.

Unfortunately, a man lost his life at approximately 11:00 a.m., which prompted a criminal investigation in the rear of 367 Hanover Street. We contacted Manchester School District administrators to advise them of the incident and within a short time frame both agencies collectively agreed upon a secured campus based on the intelligence gathered from investigators and witnesses. The secured campus took place after we received credible information that the primary suspect in the homicide may have entered a building at 332 Hanover Street, which is located in close proximity to Manchester Central High School. We knew a majority of the students who walk to and from school live in the neighborhoods south of the high school, which would have placed them in the direct path of the building we believed the suspect had entered.

The safety of the students and faculty was our number one priority, so the secured campus remained in effect until the Manchester Police SWAT team cleared the building, which took several hours. The professionalism of the faculty and the cooperation of the student body epitomize the strength and resolve of our community. Thanks to the Manchester Transit Authority, the coordinated evacuation plan was implemented as soon as we felt the students and faculty were no longer in harm's way.

Our collective efforts to ensure the safety of our children and faculty took precedence above all else and we are certain the proper decisions were made based on the intelligence gathered and the information received in the aftermath of the unfortunate incident. We will always do everything in our power to keep our community safe and greatly appreciate the support from the citizens of the Queen City.

Respectfully,

Chief Carlo T. Capano
Chief of Police

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