

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is with profound sorrow that I announce the passing of our beloved Deputy Superintendent, Daniel Garcia, on the afternoon of Thursday, June 4, 2020. "Danny" was very much loved by all those who were blessed to work with him. After a highly successful career as a teacher, AP and principal in district 8, I asked him to replace me as a principal of Icahn 1, as I began to design our new schools. After recognizing his great dedication and wisdom, I asked him to serve as Deputy Superintendent. Almost instantly, we became strong colleagues and friends. We shared a vision of success for our students. We believed that for teachers to be successful, they must receive ongoing professional development, support and confidence.

Danny respected everyone and all those who came into contact with him, respected him. This is a tremendous loss for all of us.

We must believe that his gentle smile, his encouragement and his wonderful nature will look down on all of us as we continue to serve and love.

May G-d rest his soul.

Jeff Litt