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A MESSAGE FROM COLORADO EARLY COLLEGES ABOUT THE DEATH OF A STUDENT

The Colorado Early Colleges (“CEC”) family has learned that a CEC Aurora student was shot yesterday, March 18, 2019, in an incident that took place off-campus. CEC has since learned the student died at the hospital.

Yesterday, along with other schools in the area, CEC Aurora immediately implemented its lockout procedures when the Aurora Police Department (“APD”) informed the school of the off-campus incident. There were no further incidents, and CEC Aurora lifted the lockout at the end of the school day allowing students to return to their families.

“This is a heartbreaking loss for the CEC community. The death of our student has left us all grief-stricken. We are arranging to have grief counselors available on campus to support our staff and students,” said Sandi Brown, the Chief Executive Administrator of the Colorado Early Colleges network.

The CEC Aurora campus is closed for students on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 19th and 20th to mourn the loss. The CEC Aurora campus will reopen for staff on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, and for students on Thursday, March 21, 2019. CEC Aurora will have grief counselors available on campus for staff starting on Wednesday and for students starting on Thursday.

For immediate grief and mental health concerns, CEC encourages staff, parents, and students to contact Colorado Crisis Services, 1-844-493-TALK (8255)/ Text “TALK” to 38255 or visit the Anschutz Medical Campus located at 2206 Victor Street, Aurora, CO (open 24 hours a day/every day).

CEC will continue to assist APD in their investigation of this incident. APD asks that anyone with information call APD at (303) 739-6117 or Denver Metro Crime Stoppers at (720) 913-STOP (7867).

The faculty, staff, and administration of CEC would like to offer its deepest and sincerest condolences to the victim’s family and friends. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

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