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Dear York Memorial CI students and staff,

I know the last few days have been incredibly difficult for you. It's hard to find the right words at a time like this, but please know that the entire York Memorial family is in my thoughts.

I can't imagine what it's like to watch the school you've come to know experience a major fire, but we can be thankful that nobody was injured and that the school family is still together albeit in different surroundings.

It was a pleasure meeting with some of you at Oakwood CI yesterday morning. It was a good opportunity for me to hear directly from you about your thoughts, suggestions, and questions.

Many of you have questions about next steps as the end of the school year approaches. Many of these questions will have been answered in yesterday's letter from Principal Drummond or will be answered at next week's meeting. In the end, our goal is to ensure that the remainder of the school year is as normal as we can possibly make it under these difficult circumstances.

I want to thank all of you for your perseverance over recent days and in the days and weeks to come. Together, the York Memorial family will get through this. We're here to help every step of the way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Malloy".

John Malloy, Ed.D.
Director of Education