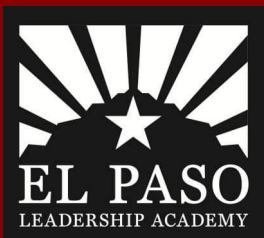




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El Paso Leadership Academy- To Our Families and Community

The recent tragic events that took place last Saturday in our beloved community have left many of us shocked, traumatized and confused. We have all seen these events unfold in sister cities across our country, but none of us ever imagined it would happen in our own backyard.

As our community continues to grieve and as we send love to the victims and their families, we have seen the spirit of El Paso shine bright like the star on our mountain as fellow El Pasoans step up to give blood, volunteer, donate money and champion the belief that we are an unbreakable community.

As an organization, school and colectivo, it is our responsibility to come together and provide support for one another during this difficult time. There are counseling services for our teachers and staff and we are prepared with similar services, as well as short term and long term support, for our students and families when they begin school on Monday.

As we sort through this senseless act we must remember our moniker of CRSHH (Collaboration, Responsibility, Smarts, Humility and Hunger) to guide our response as a school and organization. We will lead, as we are decreed too, with a collective response guided by respect, hope, love of humanity and endeavoring into long term educational solutions. Whether its broadening our already culturally diverse curriculum with specific units on the expansive cultures in this country and/or organized Skype "pen pal" sessions with schools in culturally homogeneous areas of the US, EPLA takes its responsibility of "We Build. We Lead." with great pride, responsibility and seriousness. We will band together, we will become stronger and we will show the world that our star and the city of El Paso illuminates forever.

High Five,

V. Omar Yanar

Founder/CEO/Superintendent