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Dear Irvington School Community,

It is with a heavy heart that I write to share the very sad news of the passing of one of our recently retired and highly-valued educators. Just a short time ago, we learned that Claudia Rodriguez, long-time Irvington High School Guidance Counselor, passed away this morning.

Mrs. Rodriguez was a talented counselor and passionate individual who impacted the lives of thousands of students. Thanks to her commitment to her students, many of their lives are forever better as a result of her support, guidance and encouragement. She was also a revered member of the Irvington faculty. Due to her collegiality and friendship, we are a stronger professional community today.

We are all already in the midst of a very difficult time due to the global crisis and school closure. Therefore, it is more important now than ever that we support each other. During the coming days, we will share resources to help manage our grief. Please look to the District website announcement section for such resources. However, if anyone feels they need immediate support please contact the Westchester Mental Health Hotline at (914) 995-1900. The Westchester Bereavement Center is also able to provide support and can be reached at (914) 787-6158.

To honor Mrs. Rodriguez, her commitment to the students of the Irvington UFSD and her legacy of supporting others, I ask that tomorrow at 10:00 am that everyone in our school community step out onto their front porch and join me in a 30 second round of applause - 30 seconds to honor her 30 years of service to her students, families, colleagues, and community.

Sincerely,

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