

**Subject Line:** Tragic Fire in South Oshawa

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Dear DDSB@Home Secondary School Community,

Some of you may be aware of a tragic fire that took place in south Oshawa earlier today. While the DDSB has not been provided with official statements from authorities nor has information been shared from family members, we wanted to reach out as there has been some media coverage on this tragedy.

We are committed to supporting those who may be affected in our school community during this very difficult time. Toward this end, we have ensured that professional services staff are available to support students and staff who may be affected. We encourage you to connect with a teacher or school administrator at [secondaryathome@ddsb.ca](mailto:secondaryathome@ddsb.ca) tel:905-862-5521 or our social work and psychological services teams by visiting: <https://www.ddsb.ca/en/family-and-community-support/mental-health.aspx#Connect-with-our-Mental-Health-Team>

On behalf of our school team, our thoughts and deepest sympathies are with those who are directly impacted by this tragedy.

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