Friday, Dec. 9, 2022

On Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022, a story was published by an online platform about a student art installation that has hung in a hallway of Brooklyn Center High School since the spring of 2021. The mural was created by students following the shooting and death of Daunte Wright and the subsequent unrest in Brooklyn Center.

For weeks in the spring of 2021, many Brooklyn Center students had their lives disrupted both at their school and in their neighborhoods by protests, civil unrest and COVID-19. While struggling to process all that was happening, one of the ways our students responded was through the creation of a mural. It was a way for them to express their emotions, their fears and their frustrations. While we did not condone all of the language included in the mural, we understood the emotions that led to students expressing themselves in this way.

Since then, Brooklyn Center Community Schools and the City of Brooklyn Center have worked together to begin healing the emotional and physical trauma experienced by our students and their families.

We are proud of our community and the way we continue to acknowledge and learn from our past so that we may build a better future. We value the voices of all of our residents, including our students. We will continue to support each other as we rebuild trust and foster open dialogue between Brooklyn Center Community Schools, the City of Brooklyn Center and our community. We stand together knowing that while we have work to do, we are unified in our support of our young people, our schools and our City staff.

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