



Dear SCTA,

As I am sure you are aware, it is a sad day for the SCTA and the Sachem *Community* as we have received the news of the passing of our friend and colleague Matt "Dezy" DiStefano.

Dezy's battle for his life became our fight, and he will always be remembered for the strength he showed during life's most challenging moments.

While each of us will be grieving over the loss of Dezy, let us take comfort in each other. Dezy has taught us the meaning of family, that "We Get To" be together, even through life's darkest moments, each and every day. So if you see a teacher who needs a hug or a student who needs an ear, remember that you get to be there for that person.

I know you will join us in keeping Matt's wife Jen, SCTA member at North, their children, as well as Matt and Jen's entire family, in your thoughts and prayers.

Help us not only remember Matt but celebrate his life by joining the Sachem community in wearing your DezyStrong gear tomorrow, Tuesday January 28th.

Also, there will be a vigil taking place tomorrow January 28th at 4:30pm on the Sachem North High School turf field.

Sachem will be forever a better place because Matt's legacy has made us all Dezy Strong.

In solidarity,

Your SCTA Executive Board:

Philip Barbera
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