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## Update from Zion District 6 Board President Ruth Davis

The Roberts Family is so appreciative of the prayers and support so many of you have shared following our message earlier this week. As you may have seen, the GoFundMe page established by a friend of the family has been updated and the Roberts Family has given us permission to share that additional information with you as follows:

*“(Zion Elementary School District 6 Superintendent) Dr. Keely Roberts and her 8-year-old son, Cooper, were greatly impacted by the tragic events of this past Monday. Both were shot while attending the 4th of July parade in Highland Park. Keely was seriously injured but will recover. However, Cooper was shot in the chest, his spinal cord was severed, and he is currently in critical condition. After being Life Flighted to a hospital in Chicago and after several surgeries, the little guy is fighting as hard as he can. We are hopeful that he will be ok, but we know his medical bills will be significant as will the therapy that will follow. Please pray that Cooper will recover as best as possible. Any help you can provide--thoughts, prayers, or donations, is greatly appreciated.”*

Cooper’s twin brother Luke was also injured during the tragic event in Highland Park on Monday. Thankfully, he has been treated, released from the hospital, and is recuperating at home.

The District has received many offers of support from superintendents (active and retired) from throughout the region to assist us with short-term interim administrative assistance as we determine the best next steps as Dr. Roberts and her family take the time needed to heal from this devastating event. The Zion Elementary School District 6 Board of Education will have a special meeting early next week. We do not anticipate having additional information to share at that time. Moving forward, we will update our school community when we can.

For seven years in Zion District 6 and other area school districts for many years prior, Dr. Roberts has done everything she can to support the needs of students and families in our community. Now, she and her family need our help and support. Please continue to keep the Roberts Family and all those impacted by this tragedy in your thoughts.

- If you would like to send a note/card to share your support and good wishes, you can get that to Kim Hall at the District office, 2800 29<sup>th</sup> Street, Zion IL 60099. If you would rather, you can email a message to the Roberts family via Kim Hall ([khall@zion6.org](mailto:khall@zion6.org)).
- If you wish to give a monetary donation (again, completely voluntary), there is a GoFundMe account that has been set up for the family. Here's a link to that site: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/kxwjn-the-roberts-family-fundraiser?qid=581f5fb23c85ba8a5f09ee06231610fe>.
- Additionally, if you are willing to do so, please consider sharing this information with friends and family both directly and through social media.

Sincerely,  
Ruth Davis  
Zion Elementary School District 6 Board President