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Annalise and Chantelle

Three nights ago, 80% of 1000 pupil Cairnsmore High School was destroyed by fire. Two 15-year-old girls, Annalise and Chantelle, have been identified as the culprits.

Annalise lost her mum to drink and drugs 30 months ago. Chantelle's dad died after a street fight 18 months ago. Both girls are known to police and social work for anti-social behaviour in the community. Four days ago they were excluded from school after returning from their lunchbreak under the influence of drink. Annalise had an empty bottle of Buckfast in her bag.

Yesterday afternoon a national news crew caught an emotional head teacher on camera outside the burnt down school speaking privately to a group of colleagues saying: "As a school we have let these girls down, as a community we've let them down, as a society we've let them down. We need to do so much better." The clip had gone viral and has evoked a huge range of reactions within the community.

Discuss.

