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Dear Parents and Caregivers:

I am writing this letter with great sadness to inform you that a member of our freshman class died by suicide this weekend. Our thoughts and sympathies go out to his family and friends.

Tomorrow morning and Thursday morning, we will be talking with the children in the 8th grade and high school, about this student's death, giving them the information noted above. Members of our Crisis Response Team will meet with students who would like to talk with someone, individually and in groups, throughout the day tomorrow. Support will also be available to the students over the next days and weeks to help them cope with the death of their peer.

It is never easy to talk with children about something as sad as the death of a child. I wish we could protect them from the pain and grief associated with loss. I believe the best thing we can do is to be sure they have honest information on a level they can understand. They also need to know that there are caring adults they can talk with who will provide a sound beginning understanding for them about death and dying.

Please do not hesitate to call me or one of the counselors if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca Dunckel-King".

Rebecca Dunckel-King
Superintendent of Schools