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Dear Prairie Central Community,

For those of you who read our earlier memo, you know that we withheld the names of our beloved students who passed last night until family granted us permission to release them. With this permission, we would like to ask that you keep the families of Dylan Bazzell and Drew Fehr in your prayers.

Today, students, staff, counselors, social workers and friends gathered at the Baptist Church in Fairbury to grieve together and begin the healing process. We realize that everyone grieves differently, and would like to continue to support our students and staff during this heartbreaking time. With this, we will have counselors available tomorrow at Prairie Central High School in the library from 9:00am until 11:00am. We will extend this time for students as needed. Students can enter through the Ag/IT doorway as they normally would in the mornings.

Additionally, we have created a Google Form for students to submit or for parents or friends to submit on behalf of students. The form is a way for students to request additional help from adults in our schools in dealing with their grief. Please talk with your child(ren) about this situation, and contact us if you believe your child could benefit from talking with a social worker or counselor. We are happy to set up a time for them to meet.

As we know, "it takes a village" to raise a child, and it will take all of us working together to comfort and support our children through this tragic event. Please do not hesitate to contact us with needs. To access the Google Form for additional help for students or staff please click here:
<https://forms.gle/Szq56LoMmYiKoJzF6>

Sincerely,



Paula Crane,
Superintendent

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