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Dear North Babylon Families,

It is with deep regret that we inform you about a recent loss to our school community. It is with profound sadness that we share the news that one of our first graders tragically passed away Friday evening.

This loss is sure to raise many emotions, concerns, and questions for our entire community, especially our students. In response to this tragedy, we have activated our Crisis Intervention Plan. Our school counselors and psychologists are ready to provide grief support as soon as students arrive at Belmont Elementary first thing Monday morning.

In the event you feel you or your child needs assistance outside school hours, there are resources available to you. The Long Island Crisis Center has a 24/7 crisis hotline, 516-679-1111, or you may utilize the Crisis Chat 7 days a week from 5-11 p.m. In addition, the National Association of School Psychologists has put together a few brief facts and tips on how you can support your child in times of grief. You may access those tips through this link.

This is a difficult time for our community, and we must come together to support one another in our grief. If at any point, you feel that your child, or yourself, needs somebody to talk to, please do not hesitate to contact your child's counselor, or one of our psychologists.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kenneth Graham
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