



9/19/21

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is with deep sadness that I inform you of a former West Valley Student's suicide on Saturday, 9/18/21. Ethen Phelps, a freshman at Glacier High School this year, had spent all of his K-8 years at West Valley. This loss is sure to raise many emotions, concerns and questions, especially from our students.

West Valley School will do everything possible to make sure all of our kids are well taken care of and all of their immediate needs for counselling are met. Our school counselors are trained to handle this type of crisis and do an excellent job helping students during these difficult times. We will do our best to keep school as normal as possible during this difficult time.

I have included links that provides resources to help talk to your kids about suicide and how to deal with loss. If you need additional assistance, please reach out to the school and one of our counsellors can help guide you for additional resources.

We are deeply saddened by this loss and don't hesitate to reach out to the school if you need additional help.

Sincerely,

Cal Ketchum

<https://afsp.org/teens-and-suicide-what-parents-should-know>

<https://www.childrenscolorado.org/conditions-and-advice/parenting/parenting-articles/suicide-prevention-tips/>

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