February 10, 2023

Dear Parents / Guardians,

It has been a sad week at all Siuslaw schools and the Florence community.

In the days since the passing of Terrance Evans, the focus moved to supporting the students and staff at all three schools. Care Rooms were available for those in need of a break or seeking time with a counselor. With the help of multiple outside agencies, additional grief counseling staff have been brought in to provide support to anyone in need.

At the High School, students were introduced to Uplift as a resource for peer support outside of school. This is a voluntary program; registration information is included in the newsletter that was sent to all high school student and parent emails. Uplift is not designed for immediate crisis but rather a long-term support for mental health and wellness. There is also a general resource list linked on the district website for crisis, counseling and support group services, locally and around Lane County.

The district now has details about a memorial service for Terrance. The service will be held at 1:00pm on Monday, February 20th at the Florence Events Center. All in the community are invited to attend. This is a scheduled non-school day for all Siuslaw students.

Many people have inquired about the best way to support the Evans family during this time. An account has been established at Oregon Pacific Bank. Donations can be made directly to the OPB account or at any of the district schools.

As we begin the process of returning to regular school operations, we will continue to monitor the needs of our students. If you have concerns about specific students, please contact school administration.

From everyone at Siuslaw High School,

Sincerely,

Michael Harklerode, Principal
Siuslaw High School

Andrew S. Grzeskowiak, Superintendent
Siuslaw School District

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