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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Academy ISD is deeply saddened to learn that one of our 8th grade students passed away on September 18, 2018. We extend our sincere condolences and heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends, as they will certainly be in our thoughts and prayers.

Students and staff may react to this tragedy in different ways, expressing their feelings in response to the loss of one of our school community members, some more intensely than others. Crisis counselors will be available September 19-21 to provide support for students and will remain on campus as long as they are needed.

Parents, we encourage you to also talk with your child as it is important for students to express their feelings to trusted adults and loved ones. Traumatic events such as the sudden loss of a friend or peer can trigger emotional responses that may require additional counseling support. If your child is exhibiting any of the following signs, please contact a school counselor, administrator, or therapist:

- Restlessness, nervous behavior
- Trouble concentrating (for many days/weeks after the incident)
- Difficulty sleeping, frequent nightmares (for extended periods after the incident)
- Fear of being alone
- Repeatedly asking questions
- Concentrating/re-living previous losses and/or tragic events
- Change in eating or sleeping habits
- Loss of interest in activities that he or she previously found pleasure in doing
- Significant changes in grades

If changes in your child's behavior or personality concern you, please contact their school to speak with your child's school counselor. We want to ensure to the greatest degree possible that every student receives the support and assistance he or she needs to cope with this loss. Together we will help and care for one another as we move through this difficult time.

Sincerely,



Kevin Sprinkles
Superintendent