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Dear Cherry Hill Public Schools Community,

We have experienced the tragic loss of two students in recent weeks.

Our school community is grateful for the thoughts, prayers and outreach to support students, staff and the families. We ask that everyone maintain respect and responsible judgment during this difficult time to maintain privacy for the families as they grieve.

The schools directly affected by these losses are particularly devastated. From the time they were informed of these tragedies, the schools have received the ongoing support of additional guidance counselors and crisis counselors on site, as well as additional administrative support. Please know that in all school buildings, the counselors and staff are always ready during the school day to help students who are struggling.

The reaction to loss takes various forms and can surface immediately or much later. Additional support resources are listed on the <u>Student Assistance page</u> of the district website. Assistance is also available through <u>NJ PerformCare</u>. Additionally, <u>CareSolace</u>, a 24/7/365 mental health concierge service, is available to connect those in need with mental health services.

Please do not hesitate to reach out for further assistance, and please join me in keeping the grieving families in your thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Joseph N. Meloche, Ed.D., Superintendent

Cherry Hill Public Schools

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