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## Dear Parent or Guardian:

It is with great sadness that I must inform you that one of our students at Wenatchee High School took his own life this morning. Whenever we experience a tragedy like this, we are left with the responsibility to find an appropriate response. As a school, we are making every effort to respond to the needs of our students. This includes resources for students and staff to deal with their issues of shock, grief, and bereavement. The WHS family, staff, and students alike, will come together during this crisis and will respond to the situation with caring, concern, and attention to the needs of one another.

I have attached information that all parents should be aware of when their child is experiencing grief about the death of someone they love and care about. Included are signs that indicate the student may not be coping well. At any time, students who need additional support are encouraged to report to the counseling office. Tomorrow we will have community partners on campus to assist students in processing this very sad news. Please feel free to call the counseling office with questions regarding your own student during this difficult time.

All of us here at Wenatchee High School feel the loss of a fellow Panther. The student will be long remembered as a special part of our school. We extend our support and sympathy to the family.

Sincerely,

Eric Anderson Principal

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