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TO: Jefferson R-VII Community
FROM:  Clint D. Johnston, Superintendent of Schools
DATE: December 22, 2021
RE: Communication Following Yesterday's Tragedy

Thank you, Blue Jay Nation, for the outpouring of support that has been shown to the family as well as our District Staff in the recent loss of our first-grade student yesterday evening.

Please see the letter that Mrs. Basler, the Plattin Primary Principal, has provided to the Plattin Primary Family. We know that we have students / families across all of our buildings to which her message applies.

We will be providing another day of counseling / support services on Tuesday, December 28, at the Plattin Primary School from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Your continued thoughts and prayers are needed and greatly appreciated as we work through this time of loss and grief together as a community.

Dear Parents,

It is with a heavy heart that I formally announce to you the tragic and sudden loss of one of our students. A 1st grade student from Mrs. Wright's classroom passed away yesterday afternoon after a bus accident. All of you as parents are facing the difficult challenge of addressing and answering questions regarding this accident with your child(ren). They feel safe and secure with you and it's important for you to take the approach that you feel is most appropriate for your child.

Losing a member of our Blue Jay family is something we wish we would never have to experience. I've been a part of this district long enough to know that when the R-7 Community is faced with a tragedy, we respond in unity. We must turn toward our friends, neighbors, family and school community to help in our healing. Our district had counseling and support resources in place today and is working to provide additional resources and counseling to our students, families and staff on December 28 and January 4. If you and/or your child need to talk about what happened or need immediate services, please feel free to contact our Intervention Specialist, Steve Horn, at 636-725-1181.

I ask that you please keep this dear child and his family in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you for your support and the outpouring of love that has already been shared.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tina Basler".

Tina Basler, Principal