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Dear Middle School Families,

It is with immense sadness and a heavy heart that I share devastating news that no school community should ever have to face. One of our beloved middle school students has tragically lost their life due to a fatal shooting. We are all grappling with shock, disbelief, and profound sorrow as we process this heartbreaking loss.

In moments like this, it is crucial that we come together as a community to provide support and comfort for one another. Our thoughts and deepest condolences go out to the student's family and friends during this unimaginably difficult time.

As a school, we recognize the profound impact of such a tragedy on our students, families, and staff. We have mobilized our crisis response team, which includes counselors and other mental health professionals to offer support to students and staff members in need. They will be available to listen, provide guidance, and help navigate the emotions that may arise from this loss.

During this difficult time, it is important for families to engage in open and honest conversations with their children. Encourage them to express their feelings, ask questions, and seek support from trusted adults. Together, we can help them understand and navigate their emotions as they process this loss.

If you have any questions or concerns or require additional support, please do not hesitate to reach out to our school office. We are here for you, and together, we will find strength in unity and healing through support.

With deepest sympathy,

Dr. April Tasso
Chief School Officer