

Dear Parents:

In yesterday's letter to share the sad news of student -----'s loss, I promised to share news of arrangements once details were received. We have been advised that relatives and friends are invited to the visitation as follows:

Additional counselors were here at ---- today and discussions with -----'s closest classmates and those of her siblings were held to allow students to share their feelings. A "safe room" was established and manned by counselors for any student in the school who might need support to cope with this loss.

As always, -----'s students and staff have demonstrated sincere concern and compassion. They have shared many fond memories of this beloved student who willingly faced her numerous health challenges over the years with a broad smile and amazing fortitude. In speaking with many of you over the past two days, I know that our entire ----- family is extending a hand of support to -----'s family.

Thank you so much for the difficult discussions you had with your child last night. While I'm certain it was not easy for you, your compassion was certainly evident as children returned to school today with an apparent understanding of the situation and a kind hand for each other.

Please continue to stay in touch with us should you have any questions or concerns.

Principal