



Zephyr Independent School District

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To Our Bulldog Family:

As you may know, we have experienced the tragic loss of one of our students. We have been given permission by the family to inform you of the unexpected passing of Jayden Gowin this morning. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Gowin family as they navigate this difficult situation.

In the case of an unexpected loss we recognize that inaccurate information may begin to circulate, and we are asking that the students and community members refrain from spreading potential misinformation as that can be deeply hurtful and unfair to Gowin's family, friends, and others who might be impacted. We will do our best to give you accurate information as it becomes known to us.

Members of our staff are available to meet with students individually and in groups as needed in the coming days. We also have strong relationships with mental health experts and providers in the community to include the Counseling & Mental Health team at Education Service Center Region 15, and will be monitoring the needs of our students closely should they need additional wellness resources.

It is important to note that, in the coming days and weeks, adults and children affected by this accident may experience reactions to trauma that are *completely normal*. These reactions may include difficulty with focus, mood swings, feeling tired, feeling irritable/angry, experiencing worry or fear, having nightmares, and having a need for space. If these reactions last longer than four weeks without improvement, this is the point at which mental health professionals typically recommend seeking help. There are a number of resources available for counseling services. If needed, please reach out to our school counselor, Brenda Tunnell (325) 739-5331 Ext. 134, or brenda.tunnell@zephyrisd.net, and she will provide guidance and referral assistance.

Sincerely,

Stanton Marwitz
Superintendent