

KING CITY R-1 PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear King City Parents,

It is with heavy hearts that we share with you that one of our high school students was involved in a fatal automobile accident yesterday. Out of respect for the family, we have chosen not to include the student's name.

The administrative team met immediately last night and charted a course of action to get through the first 24 hours. The school began by opening the doors to the school for a growing group of students that needed a place to grieve. The school also brought in counselors and members of the clergy to provide services to any student that wanted those services throughout the school day on Friday.

The varsity football game scheduled for Friday, August 18, 2017 was cancelled and will not be made up. The Wildkat Booster Club tailgate dinner was postponed until a later date which has yet to be finalized.

School did not look like school in most 7-12 classrooms today at King City R-1. The staff allowed students to grieve in their own way. Included on the back of this letter are a number of ways you can assist your child during this time of loss.

As we move through the difficult days ahead, know that the school will provide any services that it can.

Sincerely,



Danny Johnson
King City R-1 Superintendent

TIPS FOR PARENTS OF STUDENTS WHO ARE EXPERIENCING CRISIS

1. Keep your child informed and updated. Children need to feel involved and as in control as much as possible.
2. Watch for signs of distress. Loss of appetite, aggression, acting out, being withdrawn, sleeping disordered, and other behavior changes can indicate problems.
3. Send your child to school if possible. The stability and routine of a familiar situation will help young people feel more secure.
4. Remember that everyone reacts to stress and/or grief in different ways. There is no one way to act in a crisis situation.
5. Allow children the opportunity to express feelings. It is important to validate these feelings.
6. A good diet and plenty of exercise are important for children who are under stress. Encourage your child to eat well and get plenty of exercise.
7. Be honest about your own concerns, but stress your, and your child's ability to cope with the situation.
8. Respect a child's need to grieve.
9. Provide somewhere private and quiet for your child to go.
10. Be available and listen to your child.
11. Remember to take care of yourself.