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Dear FCSS Community:

It is with a heavy heart that we share with you that one of our students at Fannin County Middle School passed away yesterday evening. Our thoughts and prayers are with the student's family, friends, and the entire school community as we face this sudden and unexpected loss together.

While our hearts are grieving, we are working as a school family to support everyone through the grief and shock of this tragedy. To help our students and staff members at Fannin County Middle School, we have several counselors currently on site who are meeting with those who express a need to talk. In addition to these trained counselors, members of the coaching staff from Fannin County High School have been at the middle school this morning to offer support to our students. Talking and sharing is a key part of working through the sadness and grief of losing someone. We will have these additional counselors available to support the Fannin County Middle School community – not just today but in the coming days, too.

Parents and guardians, you are on the front line with your child every day, and you know him/her better than anyone. After you talk with your child later today, if you feel that your child needs additional assistance to work through their grief, please contact your child's school.

Sincerely,

Michael Gwatney, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Keith Nuckolls
Principal, Fannin County Middle School