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Dear Long Branch Public Schools Family,

I struggle to find the words to write this letter, especially during this melancholic time, but I must share this sad news with you. This weekend we learned a fatal accident took the life of a handsome young man, who was a middle school student at our Audrey W. Clark School.

When one of our children passes, the school and extended community of Long Branch are deeply affected. As we mourn, we must have the strength to stand tall for our children, especially those directly impacted by this loss. Our sincere condolences go out to his friends and family.

Despite the physical distance, we always want to be a resource for our children, families, staff, and community. Our dedicated counselors and social workers are available and can be accessed remotely by a simple email request to the school principal, counselor, or case manager. Fortunately, our clinicians are trained to provide the guidance we need right now.

We understand talking about this tragedy can provoke a myriad of emotions that can be difficult to manage. However, conversations are important to help express thoughts, opinions, and potential fears. The more information we have, the better we can personalize the bereavement process. An excellent resource available to you is the Traumatic Loss Coalition for Youth, <http://ubhc.rutgers.edu/tlc/resources.html>. Their experience and clinical expertise are superior, and we plan on utilizing them to meet the needs of our greater LBPS family.

Together we have unmatched strength, which we certainly need right now.
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Deeply saddened,

Michael Salvatore, Ph.D.
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