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December 4, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians.

I am writing this letter with great sadness that we have been informed that our missing sophomore student was found deceased, on Friday, December 4, 2020. Our thoughts and deepest sympathies go out to his family and friends.

Many students of Thomas Jefferson High School have already received this sad news on Friday evening through social media and local news coverage; however, some of you may be hearing this for the first time in this correspondence. In order to serve the needs of our student population, we will have grief counselors on hand at Thomas Jefferson High School on Saturday morning December 5, 2020 beginning at 8:00 am until 1:00 pm. Staff will be available for students as needed as we continue to deal with this tragedy in the days and weeks ahead.

I am including a list of school and community resources should you feel your child is in need of additional assistance. If you need immediate assistance, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8523), or the Resolve Crisis Network-Phone Support: 1-888-796-8226

Please do not hesitate to call me or one of the counselors if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Pete Murphy
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Principal

Thomas Jefferson High School