



August 21, 2021

Dear Victoria Knight Family,

I am so sorry to tell you all that one of our students, Colton Lane, has passed away. Our thoughts and sympathies are with his family and friends.

The family has been in contact with our counseling and administrative staff. We are aware there have been rumors that this was a suicide death. Since the subject has been raised, we want to take this opportunity to remind our community that suicide, when it does occur, is a very complicated act. No one single thing causes it. It's very important if you or your child is not feeling well in any way to reach out for help.

Members of our Crisis Team and other mental health professionals will be available at both buildings over the following days to provide assistance as children's needs arise. If you or your child needs help right away, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255), call 911, or take your child to the emergency room. Another way to reach out for help is to text 741741 to chat/text with a live trained crisis counselor. Additional resources will be available if requested and are accessible on our website to provide tips on how to help our families and youth cope.

If your child wishes to attend the funeral service, we strongly encourage you to accompany him or her to the service. If the funeral is scheduled during school hours, students who wish to attend will need parental permission to be released from school.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or the school mental health professionals. We can be reached Monday by calling VHS, 785-735-9211 or VES, 785-735-2870. If you need to talk with one of us right away, please contact us by email: kimberlywoolf@usd432.org, deenaclark@usd432.org, csander@usd432.org, or koribraun@usd432.org

Sincerely,

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