Dear Colleagues and Families,

It is with profound sadness that we inform you about two recent losses in our community. On Friday, October 22, 2021, Jake Chapman and Tyler Graham, two recent graduates of Bacon Academy, were involved in a fatal car accident here in Colchester. This loss is devastating to our entire school community and our deepest condolences go out to the students’ families and loved ones.

This loss is sure to raise many emotions, concerns, and questions for our entire community. Each of our schools has a Crisis Intervention Team made up of professionals trained to help with the emotional needs of students, parents, and school personnel at difficult times such as this. On Monday, all of our schools will have counselors available for any student or staff member who may need or want help or assistance surrounding this loss. We encourage you, as parents, to speak with your children to support them as they process their grief and sense of loss.

Please reach out to our school support staff if you or your children have concerns. If you would like additional information or need immediate assistance, please do not hesitate to contact United Communities & Family Services: UCFS website Additional valuable resources can be found at Mental Health Crisis Intervention Services or 211.

We are sorrowed by these losses to our school community and will make every effort to help students, families, and staff who need support. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to your school principal.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey E. Burt
Superintendent of Schools