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Dear Berkley Schools Community,

I am writing with great sadness to inform you that one of our high school students, Dominic [REDACTED], has died. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

The family granted us permission to release Dominic's name and that his death was a result of an unexpected medical emergency. Dominic was an active member of the high school and was highly involved in the LINKS peer to peer program. We will remember Dominic's vibrant smile, his kind soul, and how he set a great example for us all by living in the moment. Anyone who encountered Dominic walked away feeling better for having met him. We wish his family comfort and peace during this difficult time.

Members of our Crisis Response Team are available to meet with students individually and in groups today as well as over the coming days and weeks. We have counselors and social workers at BHS and across the district to assist as needed. Please contact your school office if you feel your child is in need of additional support.

Information about the funeral service will be made available as soon as we have it. If your child wishes to attend, 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.

The Berkley School District is a strong family and community. We are all heartbroken by Dominic's passing. Please know we will continue to support the [REDACTED] family and our students as long as they need.

Sincerely,

Dennis McDavid
Superintendent
Berkley School District

Jessica Stilger was the lead writer on this letter, which was emailed to the entire District community following a student death.

