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Seaside Students and Families:

On Saturday May 28th one of our staff members, Mr. Kyle Rieger, was involved in a serious car accident. Mr. Rieger was driving on Highway 26 in the early afternoon and was struck by an oncoming driver. Mr. Rieger was transported to Seaside Providence Hospital after the accident and airlifted by LifeFlight to OHSU. Despite heroic efforts from the medical team at OHSU, the injuries sustained by Mr. Rieger were too much to overcome and I am sorry to have to share that he passed away.

When we were notified of the accident, Mr. Boyd and I immediately drove to OHSU. Shortly thereafter we were in contact with his family in St. Louis. Mr. Rieger's family arrived in Portland last night and had the opportunity to meet with the medical team and spend time with Mr. Rieger.

When things like this happen people have all different kinds of reactions which may include shock, sadness, fear or even anger. Those reactions may rise and fall throughout the day and even for many days, weeks, or months to come. Some of us will want to have quiet time alone and others may want time to talk with peers or adults. Some of you who didn't know Mr. Rieger may be ready for teachers to return to academics sooner than others. We all must practice patience and respect for each other. Grief is a very personal process and there is no "right" way to experience loss.

We are currently working on creating a plan to provide additional supports for our students upon our return to school on Tuesday morning. We recognize there may be a need for you to gather with friends to talk, so we are working on providing those places for you to be and a process to access those opportunities.

At this point we know that the family is planning to have a memorial both locally and in St. Louis. When details about services are made available I will provide you with that information. Further news will be provided via email and text.

This news is devastating to many in our school community. Although Kyle was here for a short time, he had already had a great impact on students and colleagues alike and had a bright future ahead of him. I am mourning this great loss as I know all of you will, as well. Please take care of yourselves and each other in this incredibly difficult time.

Regards,

Jeff