



# Portage Area School District

*“Home of the Mustangs”*

## Office of Superintendent:

*May 8, 2024*

It is with heavy hearts that we address the recent loss of one of our students. Our thoughts, prayers and deepest condolences go out to our student’s family, friends, and loved ones during this incredibly difficult time.

We are extremely saddened by this loss and understand the profound impact it has on our students, staff, and the broader community. Our student was a talented and unique individual, and our student’s absence will be deeply felt by all.

In times of such tragedy, it is crucial that we come together to support one another. We encourage all members of our school community to reach out for support and to lean on each other during this time of grief. Our counseling staff and mental health professionals are available to provide support and assistance to anyone in need.

The Portage Area School District remains committed to fostering a safe and supportive environment for all our students, and we will continue to prioritize the mental health and well-being of our school community. As we navigate through this challenging time, let us remember to be kind, compassionate, and supportive of one another.

Together, we can honor our student’s memory by supporting each other and by working to create a community where all individuals feel valued, supported, and loved.

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