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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the death of Kaylie Ladd, a senior at Mt. Blue High School, due to a motor vehicle accident. Our thoughts are with her family and friends at this difficult time.

Late this morning, staff at Mt. Blue Campus learned of the accident. The RSU 9 Crisis Intervention Team, made up of professionals trained to help with the needs of students, parents and school personnel have convened in support of our community. On campus, we have counselors available for any student or staff member who may need or want assistance surrounding this loss. We are available Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at Mt. Blue Campus. Please contact your student's school counselor or social worker if you have questions or would like support for you or your child.

If anything of concern develops or you become aware of further needs, please be certain to reach out to us. Our community crisis response agency, Western Maine Behavioral Health, is working with us. If an immediate need arises outside of school hours, their contact information is listed below. It has been and will continue to be an emotionally difficult week for members of our district and communities, and we want to be certain that we are working together to support each other as we face these sad times.

Your student may experience many feelings and may want to share those feelings with you. Listening to your children is the best way to help them through this time. Two important messages to share with your child are: 1) all of us should seek help from others when we are feeling down or hurting; and 2) young people should always tell an adult if they are in need or worried about a friend.

We have included some phone numbers with this letter that may be helpful as resources to you and your family during this difficult time.

Community Crisis Providers:

Western Maine Behavioral Health: 207-860-0659

State Crisis Hotline Talk or Text: 888-568-1112

Teen Support Text Line: 207-515-8398

We are deeply saddened by this loss to our school community and will make every effort to help you and your child in the days and weeks ahead.

Very truly yours,

Christian Elkington
RSU #9 Superintendent

Crisis Team
RSU 9 School District