



# HIGHLAND FALLS-FORT MONTGOMERY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dr. Frank Sheboy, Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parents and Guardians of the HFFMCS D Community,

This morning our school community experienced a tragic loss - a sophomore at the James I. O'Neill High School passed away unexpectedly. The student has siblings, both in the high school and in the Fort Montgomery Elementary School. We have communicated the details with the faculty and staff and are in the process of letting the high school students know what has happened. We are shocked and saddened by this loss and our hearts go out to all who are impacted. They are in our prayers.

As is the case with any small, close-knit community, we anticipate that this loss will impact many families and friends. In an effort to support our community we have set up a crisis team for our students and their families. The team will be available for the next several days. If you notice that your child is in crisis or is struggling with this news, please contact your child's school to speak to a counselor.

At times like this, we all struggle to make sense of things that have no explanation and to find answers to questions that have no answers. Please know that the District is here to support the entire learning community at this time and always.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dr. Sheboy".

Dr. Frank Sheboy