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Dear Schodack CSD Families,

I have terrible news to share with you this evening. The Schodack Central School District community has been devastated by something I can only describe as a tragedy. Moments ago, the New York State Police confirmed that a student in our freshman class at Maple Hill Jr./Sr. High School passed away late last night as a result of a domestic incident.

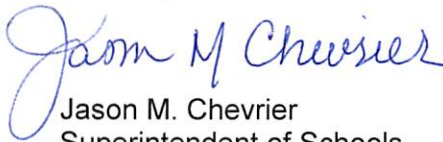
Words cannot express the shock, pain and grief that we are feeling at this time. All of us are struggling to make sense of this loss of such a bright young life.

As our community processes this news, we have assembled a crisis counseling team at both of our schools for any students or staff who wish to speak in a safe environment. We encourage our parents to talk to their children about how this is affecting them. The District has put together resources on its website that will assist you in having these hard conversations during this difficult time. On this site, you will also find resources that may assist you if you find yourself in need of help. If you need further assistance, please reach out to the main offices of our school buildings and we will connect you with our school counselors or resources. Counselors will be made available Friday (4-6 p.m.), Saturday (10 a.m.-12 p.m.) and Sunday (10 a.m.-12 p.m.) at Maple Hill High School if students or families need support during this time.

The loss sustained by our school community is insurmountable, and we extend our deepest sympathies to all affected. In the days and weeks to come, the District will be organizing ways for our students, staff and community to grieve and to begin the healing process while following all health and safety protocols.

We thank all of the police agencies and emergency personnel for their response during this tragedy, and our thoughts are with them, as well.

Sincerely,


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