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Dear Wallenpaupack Area School Community,

It is with profound sadness and a heavy heart that we inform you of the passing of one of our 9th grade students, Qeiahnah Lester, yesterday morning. It is an unimaginable loss for our school community, and our thoughts and prayers are with Qeiahnah's family and loved ones during this incredibly difficult time.

During this time of grief, it is important that we come together to support one another. We encourage you to reach out to one another for comfort and support, and to avail yourselves of the crisis services provided by both Wayne and Pike Counties. Since school is not in session due to spring break, we encourage anyone who needs immediate support to contact one of these hotlines:

- Pike County Crisis Intervention Hotline: 1-800-849-1868
- Wayne County Crisis Hotline: 1-833-557-3224

Counseling services will be in place in the high school as students return to school on Tuesday, April 2.

Together, as a strong and compassionate school community, we will navigate this difficult time together and ensure that Qeiahnah's spirit lives on in our hearts forever.

With deepest sympathy,

Christopher Caruso, Ed.D.
Principal