



Perry Local Schools

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Dear Perry Community,

We are saddened by the sudden loss of another student at Perry High School. Everyone is heartbroken and searching for answers.

We have consulted with many mental health experts, clergy and community members and have formulated a plan. Our goal is to work cooperatively as a community to assist and nurture our students, parents and staff during these difficult times. In addition, we hope to create dialogue as we all work together.

We often refer to the Perry Family and now more than ever, we must exhibit the attributes of a family as we care for and bond together for our children and our families. As we work through this difficult time, be on the alert and be communicating with your loved ones and those you come in contact with. If you were to notice any abrupt changes in someone's behavior, changes in eating patterns, anger and/or isolation, please call any of the following for assistance and guidance.

Perry Local Schools:	330-477-8121
Crisis Intervention & Recovery Center	330-452-6000 (24/7)
Suicide Prevention Lifeline	1-800-273-8255 (24/7)

The first step we wanted to take is to provide varied opportunities for parents to be informed and create dialogue. The following dates/times/locations have been established to create these opportunities. If you are unable to attend, recorded meetings will be available online at the district's website. Please note grade level designations are only recommended, if a certain date works best for you then your attendance is welcome.

Tuesday, September 12 th , 7:00 p.m. at PHS (grades 7-12)
Tuesday, September 19 th , 8:00 a.m. at Perry Grange (grades Pre-K-6, breakfast provided)
Wednesday, September 27 th , 11:30 a.m. at Executive Events (Pre-K -6, lunch provided)

During these meetings we will discuss things you as a parent can be on the lookout for from your child, steps the district is taking with our staff and students and to create a forum to allow for any questions or concerns you may have. In the meantime, our counselors will be working with students and staff as needed.

We encourage you to talk with your children and to others. In this day and age of technology, we often struggle to find time to have face to face interpersonal communication. Allow others to express their feelings and concerns. Reaffirm your love and care for them and reassure that you are willing to listen to their fears and problems. This is the time to be proactive and purposeful in our communication. These can be uncomfortable and difficult discussions to have but the cost is too high not to have them.

Please feel free to call me or any of our building staff here at Perry Local Schools if we can be of any assistance to you.

Sincerely,

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