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DISTRICT COMMITS TO PROVIDE SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL STUDENTS

The death of Izzy is tragic and devastating. Our hearts continue to be with the family, friends and community who are grieving this loss. The well-being of our students will always be a priority, and we are committed to preventing this from happening in the future.

As part of this commitment, we will be bringing in an independent investigation to look further into this and review our handling of critical issues, such as bullying, to provide a safe and welcoming environment for all students.

We also want to provide resources to our students and community who may be struggling with this loss. The tragedy of suicide can be far-reaching, and it's not uncommon to feel grief for the loss of someone you have never met, especially if there's a feeling of shared commonality.

We want to encourage parents to stay connected to their kids, especially during this time, and talk with them about their mental health and well-being. Feelings of depression, bullying, harassment, vulnerable living situations, feelings of isolation, and addictions are significant problems for children and youth. The district has trained licensed therapists available to talk to and process these feelings and help parents facilitate these conversations.

Contact information:

Student and Family Resource Department: 801-402-5155

Crisis Numbers:

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255

Davis Behavioral Health: 801-773-7060

Stabilization and Mobile Response: 1-833-723-3326

Safe UT Crisis Chat & Tip Line: 1-833-372-3388

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