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Dear BCSSSD Parents/Guardians:

The BCSSSD District and Alternative School at Lumberton Community are saddened by the recent news of a fatal house fire that has impacted a student in our school and his family. The student was a recent graduate of our Lumberton campus and is now in critical condition. Several family members have passed away and other members are in serious condition. Our thoughts are with our student and his family as they seek to overcome this tragic event.

We have arranged today to have members of our staff and the BCSSSD counseling team ready to support our school family in any way we can as we process this loss. Arrangements have been made for counseling sessions for in-person students, as well as those that are virtual. We invite students, staff and parents to access or arrange services by calling the Child Study Team Office for further information at (609)-261-5600 ext. 4433.

As parents and guardians, please pay attention to your children's reactions, both as to what they are saying and perhaps what they do or how they feel. Adolescents can react in different ways to sad news. Teenagers who express anger toward you or others; those who seem extremely sad or agitated; those who can't sleep or do not eat; all might need the comfort, support and understanding of a caring adult. If you are concerned about your child, reach out to us and we will connect them to one of our counselors.

We have also posted additional resources regarding grief, loss, and coping skills on our [website](#).

I know that you share our deep sympathy and concern for our student's family at this very difficult and tragic time. We ask members of the BCSSSD school community to look after one another as we process this event.

Sincerely,

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