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Santa Rosa City Schools to Provide Counselors and Mental Health Support Following Tragic Loss of Three Students, Former Student

Santa Rosa, California – Santa Rosa City Schools is deeply saddened by the passing of three current SRCS students, and a former student. Our heartfelt condolences go out to their families, friends, and everyone in our community affected by this profound loss.

During this difficult time, SRCS is committed to providing comprehensive support to our students, staff, and families. We recognize the impact this loss has on our community and are taking immediate steps to offer mental health support and counseling services.

To support those who are grieving and struggling with this loss, SRCS has arranged for additional School-Based Therapists at schools impacted by these losses. Staff from the Sonoma County Office of Education, Pets are Loving Support, and the Sonoma County Sheriff's Chaplaincy Program will be available on site as well.

SRCS staff can obtain support through <u>HearYou.org</u>, which provides up to 10 telehealth therapy sessions. Students who need support should contact their school counselors.

"Our hearts are broken by the loss of these young lives," said Dr. Daisy Morales, SRCS Superintendent. "As a community, we must unite to support one another and find strength in our shared grief. Let us hold our loved ones close and offer compassion to those who are hurting."

Santa Rosa City Schools is dedicated to fostering a caring and compassionate environment where every member of our community can find solace and support during this challenging time. We are also working closely with the Santa Rosa Police Department, as the incidents surrounding the loss of these students is under investigation.

Media inquiries related to SRCS should be directed toward James Hodgman, SRCS Public Information Officer, at the phone number or email address above. Media inquiries related to the investigation should be directed toward the SRPD at 707-543-3634.

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