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Dear Ewing Community,

Our hearts are heavy as we come together to support one another following the tragic and sudden loss of our Fisher Middle School student, Briana Matute Mejia, over the weekend. This profound loss has deeply impacted our entire school community, and we are holding Briana's family, friends, classmates, and educators close in our thoughts.

To help students and staff process their grief, additional support is in place today and tomorrow. Grief counseling professionals from the Mercer County Division of Mental Health are on-site at Fisher Middle School and are also available throughout the District as needed.

We ask that our community continue to keep Briana's family in your hearts and to respect their privacy during this unimaginably difficult time. We also encourage thoughtful care in conversations—particularly on social media—where information and commentary may circulate. Students should be reminded that rumors or speculation can be deeply hurtful to those who are already grieving.

The Mercer County Prosecutor's Office is handling the criminal investigation. Our focus remains, first and foremost, on the well-being of our students, staff, and families as we support one another through this painful moment.

If you feel your child may need additional support, please do not hesitate to reach out to your school.

We encourage everyone to lean on one another and to find comfort in the strength and compassion of our community.

Thank you for your care, understanding, and partnership.

Sincerely,

David Gentile

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Superintendent of Schools

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