



# FENNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

"Educational Excellence, Community Atmosphere, Global Vision"

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FENNVILLE, MICHIGAN 49408

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**FENNVILLE, MI – May 1, 2026** – The staff, students, and community of Fennville Public Schools are deeply saddened by the tragic deaths of two former students this week.

Our priority is to provide a safe, supportive environment with trusted adults for our students. Age-appropriate communication, grief counseling and support were made available to students by a team of professionals trained to serve in these difficult situations. Follow-up support will continue to be available in the coming days and weeks for our students and staff.

Known for its resilience and "Fennville Strong" spirit, the community has come together quickly. To ensure every student has access to the care they need, the district has coordinated a strong support system including District Social Workers and Counselors, grief counselors from OnPoint, Red Horse Center, and other valued local agencies to support our students and staff. We are grateful for the trusted, incredible support of our school community.

"Our hearts are heavy as we navigate this tragedy," said Superintendent Albert Lombard. "We are praying for the families affected and for the entire school community as we all grieve the loss of our very own. In times like these, the strength of Fennville is found in how we lean on one another."

We know that a loss like this affects our entire school community as well as the greater Fennville area. We are an incredibly strong community; we will continue to support each other today and the days and weeks ahead.

The district remains committed to maintaining a safe and supportive environment. While the community grieves, the focus remains on honoring the memory of the former students and ensuring that no one has to walk through this season of mourning alone.