



## NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT

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July 10, 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians:

It is with great sadness that we have been informed of the death of a student from our school North East School District and Erie County Technical School communities, Garrett Osborne (Class of 2025), who died on July 9, 2024.

In acknowledgement of the impact that is felt across our North East community, school counselors, the school psychologist, our social worker, and therapy dogs from the district will be available for students experiencing stress and grief. Support sessions will be held on Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and on Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the middle school gym. These sessions are open to all students and staff.

A sudden loss like this can be difficult for students and adults. Therefore, we encourage you to listen to your student and discuss their feelings and reactions. Sudden death is always painful to understand, and your student may experience different variations of grief. Our district's website has resources linked to additional mental health supports. Please click on the following link to access the website:

<https://www.nesd1.org/parents-students/student-services>

If you, a loved one, or a friend are in crisis, please call Crisis Services 24/7/365 at 814-456-2014 or 1-800-300-9558.

On behalf of the North East School District, we extend our sincere condolences to the family and those impacted by this tragic event.

Sincerely,

*MS Hartzell*

Dr. Michele S. Hartzell  
Superintendent

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Dr. William L. Renne  
Principal, North East High School

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"The Mission of the North East School District is to Nurture and Empower lifelong learning and responsible citizenship."  
"The Vision of the North East School District is to be an exemplary educational community by developing knowledge and skills to positively influence a changing world."