Dear Parents and Guardians:

It is with deep regret and sadness that I inform you about a sudden loss to our school community.

Noah G. Lekki, a recent graduate from Oriskany Jr./Sr. High School and Lincoln J. Armstrong, a current student attending Oriskany Jr./Sr. High School were involved in a car accident on Friday, February 14th in the midafternoon.

Tragically, Noah Lekki passed away due to the vehicle accident.

At the time of this communiqué, Lincoln Armstrong is listed in serious condition.

Respectfully, I want to let you know that we have initiated our crisis response plan, which includes providing counseling support services to assist our students and staff as appropriate and needed.

Please know, we will provide opportunities for our students to come to school on the following dates and times to meet with support staff:

- **Monday, February 17th from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm at the Jr./Sr. High School**
- **Tuesday, February 18th from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm at the Jr./Sr. High School**

Staff will be available to assist in directing each student to a support counselor.

Additionally, when students return to school from the winter recess, we will have support staff available throughout the day to meet with students who are seeking support and grief counseling during this difficult time.

On behalf of the Oriskany Board of Education and the Oriskany Central School District Faculty and Staff, our thoughts and condolences go out to each of the families, the friends, and the entire Oriskany school community.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child or any of our students, please contact the following building and district level administrators as members of our Crisis Response Team:

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Melissa Lowell – Director of Curriculum and Instruction, 315-768-2048
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Sincerely,
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