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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Many families may be aware of the tragedy that occurred in Tumbler Ridge. News of events like this can be upsetting and may raise questions or concerns for students and families.

We want to assure you that all students and staff in our schools are safe. Student and staff safety remain our highest priority, and we continue to take every precaution to maintain safe and supportive school environments.

Events like this can be difficult for children and youth to understand, and a wide range of reactions is normal. Some students may experience anxiety, sadness, confusion, or changes in behavior as they process the information they are hearing.

In our schools, counsellors and support services are available for any students or staff who may need additional support. If you feel your child has been affected in any way, or if you notice changes in their usual behavior, we encourage you to contact the school so we can provide assistance as needed.

News of this tragedy may bring forward difficult emotions.

Schools will provide support for staff and students, and additional supports are available at:

**Call 310-6789 - Province of British Columbia – Help Starts Here**

**1 800 668 6868 or text Connect 686868 - Kids Help Phone**

**<https://kidshelpphone.ca> - Live online chat is available**

We know that in supporting children and youth, limiting exposure to news sources both traditional and social media channels, is essential.

We encourage families to talk with their children, answer questions calmly, and reassure them that they are safe. If families would like guidance in supporting these conversations at home, information and resources are available through the school.

As always, please contact the school if you have concerns or questions.

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting our students.

Sincerely,

Dan Lowndes -Superintendent