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Dear Nyack School Community,

We have just been advised of an unthinkable tragedy involving a member of our Nyack Public Schools community. It is with great sadness that I must inform you that Nyack High School graduating senior Kailana Koether died this morning.

Our sincere condolences and thoughts go out to the Koether family and friends. As soon as we have more information, we will pass it on to you.

As our school community begins to process the tragic loss and copes with grief, the District is offering professional counseling and bereavement support services today to all of our students and staff. Those looking to talk should enter the main entrance of the High School where you will be guided to a safe room for counseling.

Due to the circumstances, tonight's 2017 Nyack High School graduation has been postponed. The ceremony will take place tomorrow evening at 8 p.m., our scheduled rain date and time. This evening, our entire community is invited to MacCalman Field where a candlelight vigil will be held at 8 p.m.

Again, our deepest condolences are with Kailana's family during this difficult time.

With deepest regrets,

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