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Dear Binghamton Families,

Our hearts are heavy as we mourn the loss of Binghamton High School junior Harper Stantz. Harper passed away as the result of a Monday afternoon car accident on the west-side of Binghamton. She brightened the lives of all who knew her, and she will be profoundly missed. We extend our deepest condolences and support to the Stantz family as they cope with this immense loss.

Our continued thoughts are also with the family of Binghamton High School graduate Britney Laserinko, who was seriously injured in the accident and remains under medical observation at a Syracuse hospital. Britney has undergone significant surgery, and is currently in stable condition.

The district has social workers, guidance counselors, psychologists and therapy dogs in place at the high school for any students or staff in need of support throughout today. Additionally, although school is not in session for students tomorrow, Thursday, March 14, BHS will be open to any student who needs guidance and counseling. These students may report to the Guidance Office.

I would like to express my thanks for the strength and support shown by our school community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tonia'.

Tonia Thompson, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools