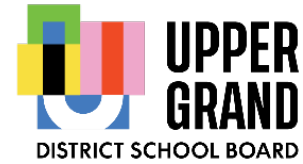


P.12 Suicide Prevention, Intervention and Postvention Protocol - Appendix C Script for Notifying Students in Classes



Note: The family of the student who died by suicide has the right to decide how much information is released about the death.

Today/yesterday the school was given the very sad news that (name of student) died by suicide/died suddenly. This happened away from school at their home. This will be a very difficult time for (name of student's) family and close friends and for all of us who knew them. For a while, it might be difficult for some students to think about anything else. For this reason, a support room has been set up in _____ for any students to go to if they feel they need support. Someone will be available in the room at all times for you to talk with if you want to. Otherwise it is a quiet place for you to retreat to, if you need to. The school counsellors will be available to see students and we may have some extra counsellors and support people in the school. A notice is going home today to inform your parents about the death, so they understand if you want to talk to them today or sometime in the future.

This is a time to be particularly sensitive to each other's feelings and to look out for each other. Let an adult, such as your teacher or your parents, know if you or your friends are worried about anyone or anything.