Dear Reynolds Community,

Unfortunately, we have sad news to share with you this afternoon. A member of our community, grade 11 student Kaydence Bourque was struck by a car yesterday and is in critical condition and will not recover. We have been given permission by the family to share this information with you.

The District Critical Response Team is at the school and will be on site this week to provide additional counselling support for students. Staff have shared this information with Reynolds students and the script is included below.

Please talk to your child about the information and reach out to the school if you feel your child needs any additional support. We have also included some attachments that may be helpful as you debrief with your family.

Thank you for your continued care and as always, please do not hesitate to reach out to our counseling and administrative team.

**Script read to students:**

*We have sad news that I need to share with you.*

*Kaydence Bourque, who is in Grade 11, was struck by a car and is critically injured and will not recover. His family has given us permission to share this information with you, and we will be letting your families know that we are sharing this news at school.*

*When something like this happens, it can affect people in many different ways. Some of you may not feel very different at all. Some of you may feel sad, angry, shocked, or even scared. These are all usual reactions to hearing news like this and they are usually temporary. It is important to treat each other with respect and compassion today as each of you deals with this news in your own way.*

*If you are feeling like you need a place to talk about this, share feelings, draw or make cards, or just sit quietly by yourself, you can go to the Conference Room (Room 205). It will be open all day today, just let your teacher know that’s where you are going. Remember if you choose to go there that you are expected to be respectful and responsible and that we want you to come back and be part of the class as soon as you are able.*

*In order to respect Kaydence’s memory and his family, we ask that you avoid talking or speculating either in person or by social media. We want to be respectful of Kaydence’s family and friends during this difficult time. As you look out for each other, please let any staff know if there are students that you think need particular support right now. There are extra counsellors here at the school to provide support.*

*Today is a day for us to be our best selves, and support each other, as we process this sad news.*

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