Dear Staff,

Thank you for all your support during these very difficult few days.

Today our students were their best selves. It was wonderful to see them honor Kaydence in such a thoughtful way. I am so proud of them.

Kaydence’s parents and extended family were very thankful to have been with us. His mom, although understandably upset, let me know that she was grateful and felt well supported. As they were leaving numerous students spent a little time sharing kind words and hugs. The family asked us to share with you a website they have created <https://kaydencebourque.com/> where they welcome photos and stories about Kaydence.

We want to acknowledge our school CIRT team who have been supporting students, staff and family these past four days. The care and attention you have offered does not go unnoticed and we are appreciative.

There will be an opportunity for our staff to provide feedback to our District CIRT team next week. They look forward to hearing from you as they continue to improve their valuable service to schools in our district.

As we move in to the last weekend before a much deserved break, I want to encourage everyone to take the time for self-care. I know I am going to make family and going for a run priorities over the weekend as I do the same.

It is important to remember that we all experience loss differently and may need more time to process. Please take that time as necessary.

Have a restful weekend and take care.

Aaron