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Dear Decorah Community School District Community,

All of us at Decorah Community School District are saddened by the situation that occurred at Perry High School yesterday. This crisis is another reminder of why the physical and emotional safety and well-being of our staff and students are at the top of our priority list every day.

As you and your students begin to process these events, please be aware that it is normal to react in a variety of ways. We should expect, try to understand, and accept a range of emotions and behaviors. The most important thing we can do is to be supportive and to encourage discussions about the event, the feelings it gives rise to, and the ways in which we are responding.

Our school counselors, in addition to AEA crisis team members, are available if your child(ren) needs someone to talk with. Please don't hesitate to reach out to any of our classroom teachers, building administrators, or me at any time.

We know you will join us in our support and sympathy for the Perry Community School District during this difficult time.

Yours in education,  
Tim Cronin, Superintendent