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Eagle Families,

We are deeply saddened and shocked by the tragic event involving the killing of his family by a BHS student this past Saturday. Our hearts go out to the victims, their loved ones, and everyone impacted by this devastating loss. No words can adequately convey the profound sorrow we feel for this unimaginable tragedy.

As a community, we must come together to support one another in this time of grief. This heartbreaking incident reminds us of the importance of vigilance in addressing the challenges our youth face, promoting mental health awareness, and ensuring a safe and nurturing environment for everyone. Additional counseling services will be made available for students at Belen Middle School and Belen High School. If your student can benefit from discussing this tragedy with a counselor, please ask them to let their teacher or principal know.

We are committed to working closely with law enforcement, school officials, and community leaders to understand how such a tragedy could occur and to take steps to do our part in preventing anything like this from happening again. It is our collective responsibility to ensure our children and families feel safe, supported, and valued.

To those grieving, we stand with you and offer our deepest sympathies. For those in need of support, we encourage you to seek help through available resources, as healing is a journey best undertaken together. Let us honor the memory of the victims by fostering kindness, compassion, and understanding within our community.

Thank you,
Superintendent Lawrence Sanchez