

*\*Letter written for principal to send to all families; very popular and involved student was murdered by his own mother, who also shot his father and sister before killing herself.*

Date

Dear XX families,

We are saddened to let you know about a tragedy that has impacted our school, families and students. We learned this morning that one of our students, XXX, died after an incident that happened at home.

A crisis team composed of our staff, as well as counselors, school psychologists and social workers from other schools were at school today to provide emotional support to our students and staff. Support will continue to be available tomorrow as well.

Please be aware that your child may need help and support in dealing with this tragedy. During this time, ask your child about their feelings and thoughts. Make sure that you are available to listen and provide comfort if needed. It is not unusual for individuals to require days and weeks of support in coping with such a crisis.

The Guilford County Schools website has a page of resources to help you talk to your child about dealing with tragedies and crisis situations. Please review these helpful materials at [www.gcsnc.com/crisistips](http://www.gcsnc.com/crisistips).

Guilford Parent Academy also makes available video resources through Connect with Kids on social and emotional health topics. To sign up for a free login to watch the videos, go to <http://gcsnc.connectwithkids.com>. Use organizational code GCSNC when you create your login.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact me at [phone number]. I hope you will join me in keeping everyone in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

XX  
Principal