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Good evening Parents and Guardians,

As many of you are aware from news reports and from speaking with your students, Mr. Seymour died in a car accident yesterday afternoon. After a moment of silence this morning, we shared the sad news with our students. In the same announcement, we also encouraged them to seek out our school counselors if they needed support during the day.

Since learning of the accident, we have been working closely with Nick Seymour's family regarding any information they felt comfortable sharing with us. We understand that, for some parents, this delay in sharing information has caused frustration. We ask that you please keep in mind that any loss is devastating, and we always work with families before communicating any private information.

Our counselors will remain available throughout tomorrow and into next week. Students who wish to bring flowers are encouraged to place them at the flagpole on the front apron.

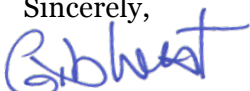
Nick Seymour's passing is a tragic loss, both for our school and our wider community. For those students for whom school was a challenge or an obstacle, Nick was their champion. He maintained high expectations for all students, regardless of their abilities, and celebrated their successes, both great and small. He was proud to be a graduate of ConVal who returned to give back to our community.

Today, one of his former students posted on Facebook that, if it hadn't been for Mr. Seymour, she never would have had the courage or the ability to attend college. Nick Seymour was a kind and caring person who was as passionate about his students as he was about history.

His teaching career at South Meadow School began in 2011 as a sixth grade and seventh grade social studies teacher. In August 2013, he transitioned to the high school and taught here from 2013 until 2017. He was also a member of the football coaching staff for eight seasons. As an alum, a teacher, and a coach, he will always be a part of us.

We ask that our community continue to care for one another, not only in this time of loss but always. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we all strive to come to terms with the loss of a cherished colleague, friend, and mentor.

Sincerely,



Gib West