## Delaware Valley School District

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Dear Delaware Valley Community:

It is with deep sadness that I write this letter to our DV community. DVHS senior Anthony Peña passed away on Saturday as a result of a car accident on Route 739 in Dingmans Ferry. His ninth grade sister, Melania, was also in the car and was flown from the scene in critical condition.

The loss of a student is a very difficult situation that can cause anxiety and stress on our students and staff. Our counselors and social workers are on hand at the high school today for students and staff who might need support.

We encourage parents to talk with their children about this tragic event. Discussing their thoughts and feelings is important in helping children and young adults work through their grief. We also encourage any parents with concerns about their child and needing assistance to please reach out to his or her counselor.

Our hearts go out to the Peña family and encourage everyone in the community to offer their love and support in whatever way they can.

Sincerely, *John J. Bell* John J. Bell, Ed.D. Superintendent