



HARBOR BEACH
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March 14, 2023

Dear Families:

It is with a heavy heart and immeasurable sadness that I write this letter informing you that Harbor Beach Community Schools Senior Class Member Mason Soper has passed away. We were made aware this morning of Mason's passing, and to say our hearts are broken is an understatement.

Before first hour today, we gathered the senior class together to inform them of Mason's passing. Students have been provided private space, support, and time to work through their grieving. Our Crisis Team has met individually with each classroom in the high school and offered support. We also partnered with the Tech Center staff to offer support to all students as Mason was a member of the CAD program. We will continue to provide support for students both in groups and individually as needed throughout the days to come. This loss may cause emotions, concerns, and questions for students. It may trigger specific memories of Mason or other loved ones that have passed. There is no one "best way" to grieve. Please know, should your child need support of any kind, we welcome you to contact us, and we will be glad to provide it.

Mason was loved by more here than can be counted, and our thoughts and prayers are with his family and the countless number of friends he had. His impact on our school, staff, and students will last a lifetime. Please join us in keeping Mason's family and friends, especially the Class of 2023, in your thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Dr. Shawn Bishop'.

Dr. Shawn Bishop, Superintendent
Harbor Beach Community Schools