



# MT. VERNON

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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **Mt. Vernon High School Student Passes – Nick Twyman**

It is with deep sorrow that we regret to inform the community that a sophomore at Mt. Vernon High School (MVHS), Nicholas Twyman, (“Nick”), has passed away in a tragic accident while on vacation. The staff and family at Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family, as well as his friends, classmates, teachers and support staff.

Nick had a great sense of humor who was well-liked by many at MVHS, and was fiercely loyal to his large group of friends. He enjoyed music and was a positive, spirited and vibrant student, who was filled with charisma.

MVHS Principal Greg Roach shared the news of his passing with all MVHS students Thursday morning, stating, “We have lost a member of our Mt. Vernon family, and when something as tragic as this happens, we take care of our family. We are here for you. Any student or staff that needs to step away, there are counselors in the media center for you to speak with.” The announcement was followed by a moment of silence for Nick.

The MVHS media center has seven counselors available, plus additional counselors from our partners at Community Health. Counselors will be available to any student or staff wishing to speak with someone for as long as the students and staff need them. We are grateful for their support during this difficult time. Students will also have the opportunity to sign a banner at MVHS if they wish to express themselves.

Parents are encouraged to be vigilant to their child’s emotional needs during this time. Counselors encourage students to talk to someone about their feelings they are experiencing. If assistance is needed, please contact the school. The counselors will help as needed and can also provide community resources.

Superintendent Dr. Shane Robbins shared, “We hold our students and their families in the highest regard, and our hearts and prayers go out to the Twyman family. In sad times such as these, we come together as a community in support of the family, while respecting their privacy.”

The following includes a list of resources for staff and families to help cope with grief:

[Indiana Crisis Assistance Response Team](#)

[Critical Incident Reactions](#)

[Guidelines for Teachers](#)

[Tips for Parents](#)

[Tips for Talking to Young People and Adults](#)

Additional Resources:

The [National Association of School Psychologists](#) website also includes several tip sheets and resources to support your child in these difficult times (<http://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources/school-safety-and-crisis>).

[National Alliance for Grieving Children https://childrengrieve.org/](https://childrengrieve.org/)

[Recover from Grief https://www.recover-from-grief.com/grief-in-children.html](https://www.recover-from-grief.com/grief-in-children.html)

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**About the Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation:**

Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation is located in the northwest area of Hancock County with five award-winning schools. Mt. Vernon provides academic excellence with innovative educational programming in a safe environment for over 4,000 students. Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation will **Engage**, **Educate** and **Empower** today's students to seize tomorrow's opportunities.

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