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Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation Regrets to Inform the Passing of a Teacher, Mr. Adam Bisesi

Fortville, IN - It is with deep sorrow that we have to share the news of the loss of one of our Mt. Vernon Middle School teachers, Mr. Adam Bisesi. Mr. Bisesi passed away in a crash in on April 2, 2019 in Carmel. He was always quick with a smile and was a beloved member of the Mt. Vernon family. Mr. Bisesi taught seventh grade language arts and was the Newspaper Club Advisor at Mt. Vernon Middle School. He will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. The staff and family at Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family, as well as his friends, students, fellow teachers and support staff.

As we grieve together, know that our foremost focus is on the emotional well-being of our students and staff. The Mt. Vernon Middle School Principal, Mr. Ben Williams, and the Mt. Vernon High School Principal, Mr. Greg Roach, will share the news of Mr. Bisesi's passing with all students on Wednesday morning. Mt. Vernon will provide counseling and extra support to students at Mt. Vernon Middle School and Mt. Vernon High School for days to come. This is a difficult time for all, and we need to support each other and help those who need assistance.

The Mt. Vernon Middle School and Mt. Vernon High School have activated their crisis response team and several counselors will be available, plus additional counselors from other community partners. Counselors will be available to any student or staff wishing to speak with someone for as long as they are needed. We are grateful for their support during this difficult time.

We suggest that parents be vigilant to their child's emotional needs during this time. We want to partner with parents and the community to encourage students to talk to someone about the feelings they are experiencing as this is a very important part of the healing and coping process. School counselors will help as needed and can also provide community resources.

Superintendent Dr. Jack Parker shared, “We hold our staff and their families in the highest regard, and our hearts and prayers go out to Mr. Bisesi’s family. In sad times such as these, we come together as a community in support of the family, while respecting their privacy.”

Mt. Vernon community members play an enormous role in the healing process. Parents are the greatest resource in the shared effort to ensure the emotional well-being of the community’s children. We hope parents will work alongside us as they deal with the many emotions that come up at home and at school. By communicating with us, you provide insight that will help us deepen our healing toolkit and offer additional assistance to students who may be struggling profoundly.

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

[Indiana Crisis Assistance Response Team](#)

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>

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 4,100 students. Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation will ***Engage***, ***Educate*** and ***Empower*** today’s students to seize tomorrow’s opportunities.