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Dear Buchanan Families,

It is with sadness and a heavy heart that I share devastating news with our school community. Riley Burgoyne, a junior at Buchanan High School, passed away today, Wednesday, April 30, 2025.

Our community is grieving this loss, and this sudden absence leaves a void in our school family. We understand that many, especially those close to Riley, will be experiencing intense emotions during this difficult time.

Riley was an amazing member of our junior class. Riley took classes at both Lake Michigan College and the Math and Science Center in Berrien Springs. When not excelling at academics, he was a member of our Varsity Track Team, among other things.

Please know that none of us has to face this grief alone. Buchanan High School's Crisis Response team is available to support students, parents, and staff as we navigate this painful loss together. Counselors will be present for anyone who needs a space to process their feelings, ask questions, or simply sit quietly with their thoughts. If you notice your child struggling, please don't hesitate to contact their school—we're here for your family.

The coming days will be challenging as we honor Riley's memory while supporting one another. When appropriate, and in accordance with the family's wishes, we will share information about memorial arrangements.

In times of tragedy, our community's strength comes from supporting each other with compassion and understanding. Please hold Riley's family and friends in your thoughts during this unimaginably difficult time.

With deepest sympathy,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia L. Robinson".

Patricia L. Robinson

Superintendent of Buchanan Community Schools