



School District No.59 (Peace River South)

(From the office of the Board of Education)

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For the students, family and staff of School District 59 Peace River South, it is impossible to express the heartbreak that our communities feel for the families who have suffered this unspeakable tragedy. We will never understand it, but what we must do is try to offer comfort in what small ways we can to those who are hurting.

To the families in mourning, we hold you in our thoughts and prayers with sorrow. Your grief is profound, and your loss is beyond words. May you feel surrounded by the love of this community.

Countless acts of bravery and compassion took place in the midst of this situation. Our students, staff, and so many members of emergency and medical services yesterday experienced the worst of our fears and yet responded to the very best of our hopes.

Tumbler Ridge lives in the southern reaches of the Peace River Country. For those of us who live near Tumbler Ridge, it is the community that we visit to get away from busyness and noise, to hike along a mountaintop, to look across a river valley and to rest beside a waterfall.

Tumbler Ridge is where people come to soak up peace.

What happened yesterday will never be forgotten, but it will never define this community.

Tumbler Ridge is a place of peace, it is a place of healing, it is a place of beauty.

To our school communities here in Tumbler Ridge, across Peace River South, and indeed, beyond our borders, I recognize that yesterday's fear will last for a long time. But perfect love casts out all fear, so let us look for ways to extend kindness to one another and care for those in mourning, until our peace returns. For now, we grieve with those who grieve.

Chad Anderson
SD59 Board of Education, Chair