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Selinsgrove Area School District Community:

It is with a heavy heart that I provide the unfortunate update that Tabitha (Tabby) Welshans passed away yesterday. In speaking with Ms. Jennifer Welshans (Tabby's mom) this morning, the family wanted to convey the utmost gratitude for the support and uplifting gestures from the community during Tabby's medical journey. While not necessarily being able to respond to each and every supportive message, please know the Welshans Family can feel the support of those around them.

Supportive Resources are Available at School:

If your child becomes aware of this situation and has difficulty processing this life-altering information, please know that the school district has resources available to assist you and support your child. Guidance counselors, social workers, and school psychologists will be available throughout the district as needed. If you feel your child would benefit from talking with a member of our student support team, please contact their respective counselor or building administrator.

As we as a community work together to overcome this tragic loss, please know that the Welshans Family, Team Tabby, PTSOs, and the school district are working together to provide a district-wide acknowledgement and positive remembrance of Tabby. A coordinated event will be communicated in the coming days.

The Welshans Family wants you to know that Tabby won this battle. Tabby is triumphant due to her consistent display of faith during the most difficult of times, which guides us all to reflect on the important things in life and keep them on the forefront. As Tabby's mom conveyed earlier today, "Our Tabby girl gained her angel wings yesterday. Our Tabby girl is finally free."

May prayers and best wishes comfort all who are impacted, and especially lift up the Welshans Family.

Sincerely,

Dr. Frank R. Jankowski