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January 8, 2026

Dear Parents,

On Friday, January 9, 2026, the funeral service for Ohio State Trooper Matthew Cook Jr. will begin at 2:00 p.m. at Gateway Church, near the prek-8 building. There will be a large number of law enforcement personnel attending the funeral. The processional following the service will likely travel past the school on County Road 9. The timing of the processional should not interfere with High School/Middle School and Elementary School dismissal, but since there will be a large number of law enforcement presence in the area near dismissal time, I didn't want you to be alarmed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Trooper Cook's wife, children, and family as well as our law enforcement community.

Sincerely,

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