



PENNSBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Pennsbury School Community:

I am saddened to report that one of our students, a senior at Pennsbury High School, passed away yesterday. As we process this tragic loss as a school community, our condolences go out to the student's family and friends.

A tragedy such as this impacts many adolescents and members of our community, either directly or indirectly. Even though schools are closed for Winter Break, school counselors, case managers, and members of the Keystone Crisis Intervention Team will be available on Monday from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and again on Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Pennsbury High School East to support our students. We are working on scheduling additional virtual sessions - Details will be shared as soon as we have them. Once we return from the break, our school counselors will remain accessible, as always, to the entire student body. With the help of our faculty, they will attempt to identify any students who may be having ongoing difficulties.

The loss of a student presents us with many questions that we may not be able to answer right away. If you feel that your son or daughter is having difficulty coping with this event, please let us know as soon as possible.

Please keep in mind that any traumatic event can trigger an emotional reaction, even to an unrelated event (family illness, prior losses, etc.). Please review the links below for suggestions on how to comfort someone after an unexpected loss and common characteristics of an adolescent who may be having difficulty coping.

Sincerely,

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Trauma and Grief Resources

[Tips for Talking With and Helping Children and Youth Cope After a Traumatic Event](#)

[Specific Coping Strategies](#)

[What you May Experience After a Traumatic Event](#)

[How to Help a Grieving Teen](#)

[Books for Children Dealing with Loss or Trauma](#)

[Addressing Grief](#)

[Good Grief Resource Site](#)