



**WALL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**Office of the Superintendent**

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Dear Wall Township Community:

Our community has endured a difficult week, coping with the loss of a student and friend. During this trying time, our Wall Community emerges with a spirit of strength, resilience, and fellowship. On behalf of the Board of Education and Wall Township Public Schools District Office, we want to thank our counselors, teachers, nurses, support staff, administrators, parents, caregivers, community agencies, community leaders, and students for facing this hardship with dignity and grace inside and outside of the school environment and on social media and online platforms.

Our healing journey is just beginning. The school's efforts are being channeled in ways to address a variety of needs. Grief, a personal experience with unique representations, can be difficult for children to understand. Our schools need your assistance reinforcing when it is appropriate to support a friend with a listening ear and when it is necessary to help a friend engage a trusted adult. We also need your help reinforcing social safety and community care in relation to online activity and communication.

Collaborating with our health and wellness providers like school counselors, members of the child study team, and school nurses is an important resource to keep our community safe and healthy. We ask for your assistance in guiding children in need to these providers, reporting to the school any concerns about your child or another child's safety, and taking advantage of their expertise in providing referrals for health services if care is preferred outside of the school environment. Additionally, linked [HERE](#) is a resource identifying numerous Monmouth County services.

Thank you for your continued support. United as a community, in the face of challenges and sorrow, is the greatest way we can honor all members of the Wall Township family.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools

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Board of Education President