



WALL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Dear WTPS Family:

It is with the heaviest of hearts that we share the heartbreaking news that our neighboring school community in Brielle suffered the tragic loss of a student. As a neighboring school district, know that we share in this loss and offer our deepest condolences to the family and school community.

The death of a student impacts the entire community. Please know that we are taking every measure to be a contact and resource for our students, staff, and families as they process this tragedy. As always, our counseling team is available throughout the Wall Township Public Schools District for all students and staff, as needed.

Below, please find some vetted resources that may be of help to you and your family as you navigate the remainder of this weekend and beyond.

ARTICLES

[Self-Care Tips When Grieving](#)

[Explaining the News to Our Kids](#)

[How to Talk to Children About Difficult News](#)

24-7, DIRECT ACCESS TO SUPPORT PERSONNEL

(All ages: Adults, Adolescents, and Children)

[NJ Hopeline](#) Dial 988- Specialists are available for confidential telephone counseling and support 24 hours a day, 7 days per week.

(Ages 10-24)

[Youth Helpline: 2nd Floor](#) Dial 888- 222-2228 Specialists are available for confidential telephone counseling and support for youth 24 hours a day, 7 days per week.

Additionally, we wish to remind you of the more comprehensive list of mental health resources and community agencies that are posted on our District's Student Wellness webpage. Please [click here](#) for direct access to this webpage. We encourage you to use the aforementioned resources as you support your child(ren) during this difficult time and to please reach out to your child(ren)'s counselor as needed.

Sincerely,

Tracy Handerhan
Superintendent of Schools

Tiffany Steiner
Director of Intervention Services & Student Wellness