

PASSAIC VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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Dr. Bracken Healy
Superintendent



Mr. Colin Monahan
Business Administrator

November 30, 2023

Dear Passaic Valley School Community,

It is with deep regret that I inform you about a recent loss to our school community. On Thursday, November 30, Amy Niosi passed away peacefully after a long battle with cancer. This loss will create an overwhelming amount of emotions for our students and staff, as well as PV alumni who were fortunate enough to have Ms. Niosi as their teacher.

Ms. Niosi began her career at Passaic Valley Regional High School in 2010 as a Teacher of English. Ms. Niosi cared deeply for her students and crafted a supportive and positive learning environment for all she taught. Today we lost a passionate educator, a strong woman, and friend to all. Her exuberant personality and unique sense of humor will never be forgotten.

We are currently working with the Traumatic Loss Coalition and their Crisis Response Team to help provide support services to our students, staff and community members during this difficult time. Passaic Valley Regional High School will have grief counselors available during the day on Thursday, November 30, Friday, December 1, and Monday, December 4.

We remain committed to ensuring our students and staff receive the mental and emotional support they need to cope with this sad loss. Please contact me at healyb@pvrhs.org or our Student Assistance Counselor, Ms. Kelly Morris at morrisk@pvrhs.org should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Br Healy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bracken Healy, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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Grief Resources



Virtual Grief Counseling and resources

<https://www.imagenj.org/>



10 Tips for Supporting Grieving Kids

<https://good-grief.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/10-Tips-for-Supporting-Grieving-Kids.pdf>

10 Tips for Communicating with Grieving Kids

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griefspeaks

<http://griefspeaks.com/>

Contact Lisa: (973) 985-4503 or Lisa@griefspeaks.com

Video and phone sessions now available for individuals, families, schools, and communities.



Do you know a student or youth experiencing an escalating emotional or behavioral health issue?

**Refer families to 877-652-7624
for immediate support!**

Request "Children's Mobile Response"

Services can be accessed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Children's Mobile Response provides care to families within 1 hour:

- Intervention services include support, de-escalation, coordination with system partners, and linkage to services.
- Youth can receive Mobile Response services for 72 hours. If the crisis is not resolved and/or stability is not achieved within that time, Children's Mobile Response is able to provide stabilization management services for up to eight weeks.
- Services provided are family-oriented, individualized, and strength-based. Staff help families work towards the ultimate goal of keeping the child stable within his/her current living environment.
- We are currently able to provide crisis interventions via telephone or telehealth (video).

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