PASSAIC VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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Dr. Bracken HealySuperintendent



Mr. Colin MonahanBusiness Administrator

January 8, 2024

Dear Passaic Valley School Community,

It is with deep sadness that I share information about another loss to our school community. On Sunday, January 7, Sandy Moussab passed away.

Ms. Moussab began her career at Passaic Valley Regional High School in 1993 as a Secretary. As a longtime member of our Special Services Department, Ms. Moussab worked tirelessly to ensure that all students received a quality education and were given the support necessary to be successful. Her kindness and care for others will be deeply missed.

We are 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 High School will have grief counselors available during the day on Monday, January 8, 2024.

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,

Bracken Healy, Ed.D.

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Superintendent

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Grief Resources



Virtual Grief Counseling and resources https://www.imaginenj.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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grief*speaks*

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 I 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).

