



Smithtown Central School District

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Dear Smithtown School Community,

As you are likely aware, it has been reported that a tragic event took place within our community last evening. While we do not know all of the facts, it has become clear that a significant tragedy took place in the St. James area that involved individuals from our school community.

Clearly, this was a very traumatic event for the families involved, but we also share concern for their extended family, friends as well as for our staff who have worked with the families during their time within our school district. With this in mind, our support staff has been notified and will be ready to provide assistance to help with the needs of students, parents, and school personnel during this difficult time.

If you or someone you know is in need of Mental Health Support, please contact Kevin Colon, Administrator for Guidance at 631-382-2014 or email him at kcolon@smithtown.k12.ny.us. You can also refer to our [Mental Health Resources](#) page found on our District website.

An additional resource provided by SAMSHA found [HERE](#) may also be useful in navigating conversations around tragic events with your children.

We are deeply saddened by this loss to our school community and will make every effort to help you and your children as we navigate this together.

Sincerely,

Mark Secaur, Ed. D.
Superintendent