

# Ridge High School

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

First and foremost, many of you have shared kind words of support with members of the Ridge family on this difficult day, and for that, I thank you. We have an amazing faculty and staff who did a wonderful job supporting the students and each other.

Today, volunteers from the Somerset County Traumatic Loss Coalition assisted our district counselors in providing grief counseling and support to individuals and groups of students. The team not only counseled those who sought out support, but also reached out directly to many students we anticipated would be affected by the loss. Though junior conferences will resume tomorrow, district and county counselors will continue to be on hand this week to provide individual and group counseling. Students seeking assistance should come to the Counseling Suite, where our staff will direct them to a counselor.

Please take an extra moment tonight to check in with your child(ren). If you'd like us to make arrangements for a counselor to speak with your child during school tomorrow, please phone or email your grade level administrator or Jillian Shadis the District Supervisor of Counseling.

Sincerely,

Francis T. Howlett, Jr.  
Principal

Jillian Shadis  
District Supervisor of School Counseling