



# Philomath Public Schools

Benton County School District 17J, 1620 Applegate Street, Philomath OR 97370 (541) 929-3169

Dear Philomath School District Families,

Communities across the United States are experiencing unprecedented times. The recent violent deaths of Black people have brought out fear, grief, frustration, and concern to members of our community. The Philomath School District condemns violence and racism and would like to offer support to our students and families, particularly our Black families, who are experiencing trauma during this time. We are committed to learning and growing together as a community, and we stand with our families of color.

Please reach out for support if needed. You can contact the district with questions, or you may access the following available resources:

- Benton County Mental Health Crisis & Information Hotline (1-888-232-7192), available 24 hours a day. Calls are confidential.
- The Crisis Text Line is also a 24/7 service where Crisis Counselors provide confidential support for free. Text "HOME" to 741741 to connect with a Crisis Counselor.
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-8255)
- Trillium Family Services offers a community and school based team of therapists and skills trainers working with families to help them understand and manage their mental health needs. Contact: [services@trilliumfamily.org](mailto:services@trilliumfamily.org)
- The NAACP is committed to building communities of support and advocacy for students of color and their families. You can reach them at 541-829-3023.

Your school counselor may be reached directly, via email, or through your teachers or your school principal.

- Counselors
  - High School - Beth Edgemon and Kim St. Clair
  - Middle School - Mike Panico
  - Elementary School - Jill Williams
  - Primary School - Mallory Crane
- **Please note that counselors may not be immediately available and if you are in crisis, please reach out to the crisis hotline:** Text "HOME" to 741741 to connect with a Crisis Counselor

Philomath School District cares deeply about our families and community and is committed to equitable practices that foster an inclusive, barrier-free, safe environment for all students.