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Dear Seaford School Community,

It is with deep sadness that we share the heartbreaking news of the passing of one of our Class of 2024 students, Cole DePaolis. Our hearts are with Cole's family, friends, and all who knew and loved him during this incredibly difficult time. We mourn the loss of a young life gone too soon and extend our most sincere condolences to his loved ones.

We recognize that news like this can be incredibly difficult to process. In response, we have activated our Crisis Intervention Plan. Our school counselors, psychologists, and social workers are ready to provide grief support for any student or staff requiring it. Counseling will be available until 4.30 p.m. each afternoon this week, with access to PPS staff later in the day if required. The Seaford High School Wellness Center will be our main home base. Access to our support team members outside of school hours can be arranged through the Office of Student Support Services, 516-592-4360.

Additionally, we will be closely monitoring the well-being of our students in the days ahead. Our teachers, counselors, support staff and security team, who interact with students throughout the building, will all be extra vigilant in identifying anyone who may be showing signs of emotional distress or in need of support. We are committed to ensuring that every student feels seen, heard and cared for during this time.

In the event you feel you or your child needs assistance outside school hours, there are resources available to you. The [Long Island Crisis Center](#) has a crisis hotline available 24/7 at 516-679-1111. They also offer an online chat function. Additional resources from Northwell Health are attached to this message.

If at any point you should feel that your child, or yourself, needs somebody to talk to, please do not hesitate to contact your child's counselor or one of our psychologists.

We will continue to honor Cole's memory in the days ahead and remain united in care and compassion.

Yours truly,

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