



**Olga Hugelmeyer**  
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

On behalf of Elizabeth Public Schools, I am deeply saddened to share that a beloved teacher from Thomas A. Edison Career and Technical Academy has passed away.

Ronald Ussher, Jr., a team member of Elizabeth Public Schools since 1996, was a dedicated career and technical education teacher. Countless students enhanced their automotive diagnostics, mechanics, operations, and collision repair skills while in Mr. Ussher's auto shop. Mr. Ussher also helped students earn their National Automotive Technicians Education Training Certifications (NATEF), making them more qualified to pursue careers in the automotive field upon finishing high school.

His passing is a great loss to both the Edison Career and Technical Academy learning community and the Elizabeth Public Schools community as a whole. We will recognize his career and contributions to our school community at a future date when we are all able to gather.

In order to support our team members and students, we have arranged to have grief counselors available to our school community remotely throughout the week.

Our thoughts and condolences are with the family and friends of Mr. Ussher as they navigate this difficult time. May God bless each of them and our entire community.

Sincerely,

**Olga Hugelmeyer**  
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