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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Elizabeth Public Schools Learning Community,

On behalf of Elizabeth Public Schools, I am deeply saddened to share that a student of our learning community from Nicholas S. LaCorte – Peterstown School No. 3 has passed away.

Her loss will be felt throughout the entire Elizabeth Public Schools community, especially within the School No. 3 community where she had an impact on the lives of those who knew her.

The loss of a friend or peer is sure to raise many emotions, concerns, and questions. We encourage anyone who might be affected by this loss to reach out to any of the following resources:

- **Traumatic Loss Coalition** provides support to communities affected by traumatic events: <https://ubhc.rutgers.edu/education/trauma-loss-coalition/overview.xml>
- **Imagine** is a center for coping with loss: <https://imagine.nj.org/>
- **One Source EAP** – 1-800-300-0628 – is a confidential district wide support that offers counseling with no co-pays for up to six sessions.
- The **NJEA helpline** – 866-AID-NJEA (866-243-6532) – is a confidential, accessible, and resourceful support line available for NJEA members and their families. This toll-free help line is based out of Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care

If you would like additional information or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact your school's crisis team or Dawn Di Nardo-Lippi, District Social Worker, at 908-436-5239. We are saddened by this tragic loss to our school community and will make every effort to help those in need of assistance.

We offer our thoughts and prayers to her family and friends as they endure this tremendous loss. May God bless them and may they find peace during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Dr. Olga Hugelmeyer

Office of the Superintendent of Schools