

**THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA
THOMAS ALVA EDISON HIGH SCHOOL
151 West Luzerne Street
Philadelphia, PA 19140**

January 5, 2021

Dear Edison Family,

It is with sincerest regrets that we inform you of a tragic loss to a member of our school family. Yesterday, our community experienced a great loss as we learned that one of our students passed away. We all feel his loss and our thoughts and prayers go out to Johnathan Rosa's family.

Today, The School District of Philadelphia's Emergency/Crisis Response Team will have a number of trained professionals onsite to counsel and support the children and staff throughout the school day.


In addition, our Counseling and STEP Team will be available to speak with our staff and children individually and meet with others in small groups as needed. Today, we are discussing feelings that are normally experienced when a tragedy occurs and we urge everyone to talk about their feelings.

Please feel free to send students experiencing grief to our Digital Main Office. Staff are standing by to support.

To join go to zoom.us, click join a meeting and input:

- Meeting ID: 224 731 5256
- Passcode: 7ks8Eb

Sincerely,


Awilda Ortiz, Principal

Resources for Families Grief Support

Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia

“Evenstar Bereavement Program” is an ongoing support group for parents and siblings, as well as workshops offered throughout the year. Please call **215-590-3273**.

The Center for Grieving Children, Teens and Families

A safe and caring place where young people, ages 6-18, and their families who are grieving a death can find help to grow through the healing process. Peer grief support groups are available for elementary school age, middle school age, and teens. A group for adults is held while the children meet in their groups. Please call **215-744-4025**.

Services of the Anti-Violence Partnership

- For information on free counseling services for families, individuals and children that have been traumatized by violence, please call **215-567-6776**. In West Philadelphia, call **215-748-7780**.
- For victims needing advocacy and/or assistance navigating the criminal justice system, please call **215-686-8033**.

Services of the Department of Public Health

The Division of Maternal, Child and Family Health’s Grief Assistance Program provides counseling and supportive services to families who have lost an infant or child. For information, please call **215-685-7448**.

The Compassionate Friends Network

The mission of The Compassionate Friends is to assist families toward the positive resolution of grief following the death of a child of any age and to provide information to help others be supportive.

For chapter referral information, call the TCF National Office toll-free at 877-969-0010 or write nationaloffice@compassionatefriends.org

Click [HERE](#) for Grief Support Handouts