Grand Erie District School Board

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Dear GELA Students, Staff and Parent Guardians,

We are saddened to inform you about the death of Scott Johnson, Principal of Grand Erie Learning Alternatives (GELA). Mr. Johnson was a much-loved Principal in the GELA community and throughout the Grand Erie District School Board. He was an advocate for student voice and worked hard to ensure that every student was successful.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, the GELA community, his work family and all others connected to his loss.

Support staff and community resources have been at the school/sites and will continue to be available. If you have questions and need additional care/resources, please do not hesitate to contact the GELA main campus line at 519-753-6079. Your call will be redirected to the appropriate site and person.

In addition to seeking support from a caring adult at the school and/or sites, help is available to students and staff if you require assistance.

Brant and Brantford
- Brant/Brantford Integrated Crisis: 1-866-811-7188

Haldimand and Norfolk
- Haldimand-Norfolk REACH Crisis: 1-866-327-3224
- Crisis Assessment and Support Team (Ages 16 and older): 1-866-487-2278

Six Nations
- Six Nations Crisis: 1-866-445-2204

General
- LGBT Youth Line: 1-800-268-9688
- Mental Health Helpline at 1-866-531-2600

Support to staff is available through the Grand Erie's Employee Assistance Program (EAP). Information can be accessed under the Staff Tab at www.granderie.ca. Additional information about assistance for staff is also available through his or her union.

There are no funeral arrangements available at this time. A representative from the Board will attend when that information becomes available.

Be sure to take care of yourself and each other during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

B. Blancher

Brenda Blancher
Director of Education

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