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COLONIA HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Colonia High School was saddened to receive news of the death of one of our Boys' Group Mentors, Detective Ransom. Detective Ransom was previously diagnosed with cancer and passed away last Wednesday. In his years at Avenel Middle School and Colonia High School, Detective Ransom touched the lives of many students, parents, and staff.

Students and staff will react in different ways. We should expect, try to understand, and accept a variety of emotions and behaviors. The most important thing we should do is be supportive and encourage students to talk if they need to about the feelings it gives rise to and what ways we can respond to it.

If you would like your child to visit with our school counselors or school psychologist, please call the counseling office at (732) 726-7058 or email your child's counselor. Services are as followed at 540 Franklin Ave, Nutley, NJ 07110 for Detective Eric C. Ransom. The viewing will be held today, April 26, 2023 from 4 pm - 8 pm.

We know that you will join us in our concern, support, and sympathy for those affected by this loss. We also greatly appreciate your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,

Kenneth D. Pace, Sr.

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