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Dear East Greenwich School Community,

It is with deep and heartfelt sadness that we inform our school community that one of our 11th grade high school students, Olivia Passaretti, passed away in a tragic car accident last night. We are shocked and devastated by the news of her untimely passing. Our hearts are heavy with this loss to our East Greenwich community. Out of utmost respect to the family at this time, we share only the information that the family has asked the District to communicate.

A young person's death is always tragic, and a sudden loss like this can have a profound impact on staff, students and families. This news will affect each of us differently and we may not understand the impact immediately. The East Greenwich High Crisis Response Team was convened this afternoon to plan supportive measures for students, staff, and families. As our school community processes this tragic news and works through the grief process, we will be offering support and counseling services to our students and staff at East Greenwich High School on Sunday 01/02/2022 and in the coming days and weeks.. Counselors from across the school district, the community, and outside agencies will be on hand to support students and staff as needed. We have the resources to support our staff, students and families.

During this difficult time, the East Greenwich school community will need to draw strength from one another as we work through this profound loss. I know you will join us in sending heartfelt sympathy to the family.

At this time, the details regarding services have not been confirmed. Information will be shared with the school community based on the wishes of the family.

Please feel free to contact us if additional support or guidance is needed,

Sincerely,

Alexis Meyer, Superintendent of Schools

Ken Hopkins, EGHS Principal

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