



Brooks Secondary School

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

Over the weekend, four students from our school community (two graduates and two recent graduates) were involved in a significant motor vehicle accident, which resulted in injuries for all of the vehicle occupants. Two of the youth sustained serious injuries; however, they are in stable condition and are expected to recover. Our thoughts go out to the families and youth involved.

In response, the school has planned to have extra support available to those students who may be in attendance for the formal graduation and may require some additional support. It is important that we identify students who may need extra support, and provide those supports when necessary.

There will be extra counselling supports available at the school on Monday. For those not in attendance yet would like to reach to the school for support, please do so through our main office. We have also included a document for parents with respect to helping children and youth deal with trauma.

People will react differently when something like this happens and there is no right or wrong way. Sometimes people can have trouble concentrating, sleeping, or focusing. Some people may feel really sad, angry, or worried as they think about what has happened. These are normal responses.

We encourage students to use their positive coping strategies (self-care and problem solving) such as talking to friends and family, getting enough sleep and exercise, sticking to routines, etc. to help them through this time. With time and assistance, things generally get better.

Given the time of year and with classes are no longer being in session for students, we have included a list of local and provincial resources and services should your child be in need of additional support.

Child & Youth Mental Health (Powell River)

Community-based CYMH services for a range of specialized mental health services. Intake for new CYMH services is offered on Tuesdays from 9:00am- 4:00 pm. Please call 604-485-0603 and say you are requesting new CYMH services.

- [Kids Help Phone](#) (phone/text/chat options available): 1-800-668-6868
- [Youth In BC](#) (phone and chat options available/resources): 1-866-661-3311
- Mental Health Line: 310-6789
- [Foundry BC](#) (phone/chat/video calls available) 1-833-308-6379 or 1-833-FOUNDRY to book appointment or <https://foundrybc.ca/virtual>

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school.

Sincerely,

Bill Rounis
Principal
Brooks Secondary School