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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Local Educational Agency Leads, Administrators of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities, Nonpublic School Supervisors

Route To: Business Administrators, Principals, School Safety Specialists, School Administrators, School Social Workers, School Psychologists, School Nurses, School Faculty

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Managing Traumatic Loss in the School Community

The New Jersey Department of Education's (NJDOE) Office of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning, in collaboration with the Traumatic Loss Coalition for Youth (Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care), is pleased to offer a training on how schools can deal with grief and traumatic loss in the school community. The dual mission of the Traumatic Loss Coalition (TLC) is excellence in suicide prevention and trauma response assistance to schools following unfortunate losses due to suicide, homicide, accident, or illness.

Members of the state's TLC will identify common reactions observed during such periods, discuss reactions to grief, and provide strategies to support students to develop healthy responses to grief. An overview of the TLC will be provided, including information on how to contact a county coordinator to receive support for school communities following a traumatic event.

There is no fee to attend this presentation; however, registration is required. Please register on the NJDOE's [Events Registration webpage](#).

School Safety Specialists will receive 1.5 hours credit for attending this workshop. Questions can be directed to the Office of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning at school.security@doe.nj.gov.

c: Members, State Board of Education
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