



Sir Allan MacNab Secondary School

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers:

It is with deep sadness that we are sharing with you the news of the passing of Ms. Amy Yanover, our former English Department Head and teacher at Sir Allan MacNab. Our condolences are extended to Ms. Yanover's family and friends during this difficult time. As a sign of respect and honour for her dedication to our school community, our school flag has been lowered to half-mast.

Social workers will be available on-site in Student Services, for students who need to access support. Parents, guardians, and caregivers can access ***Tips for adults supporting children and youth after distressing events at hwdsb.info/distressing to support your child when talking about the death of a fellow student or teacher.*** Supporting children during this time will greatly assist in their ability to understand and cope with their feelings of grief and loss.

Students can also access support using ***HWDSB Helps***: Text to 905-963-0066 (Standard rates apply), use the HWDSB Helps app for iOS and Android, or the web chat. In case of emergency, call 911. Additional supports include:

- COAST Hamilton, 905-972-8338, for crisis outreach and support for all ages
- Kids Help Phone, 1-800-668-6868, for counselling and information service for young people

We all share in the grief and sadness of having lost Ms. Yanover, who was a valued and well-respected member of our school community. Ms. Yanover will be greatly missed at Sir Allan MacNab Secondary school.

Sincerely,

Staff at Sir Allan MacNab

Cc: Superintendent of Schools