



## Freehold Township Schools

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*"...preparing all students to be  
responsible citizens and life  
long learners."*

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is with deep sadness that I inform you of the death of Dr. Jeffrey Huguenin, Principal of the Catena Elementary School. I know that many of us in the school community will be greatly affected by his passing. I know you join me in sending kind thoughts and condolences to the Huguenin family, as well as to the other members of our school family who will be affected by Dr. Huguenin's death.

While we certainly intend to provide support to your children during the school day, we know you will want to do the same at home. We have attached resources to help you in this process. Since this notification is being sent on a day when school is not in session, we ask that you share the information about Dr. Huguenin's passing with your child. As parents and guardians please pay attention to your children's reactions, both what they are saying and perhaps what they do. If you would like to talk with us about concerns you have about your child, please do not hesitate to contact the guidance staff at your child's school.

The school will be open today from 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm and counselors will be available during that time to help you and your child process this sad news. We will also continue to have support available for the students as they enter school tomorrow and the days following.

Our staff members have been trained in the most developmentally appropriate ways to be supportive to your children, and we will structure both group and individualized opportunities to provide your children with the help they need. As a community, we will continue to experience challenging times. We can assure you that we are prepared to address your children's needs, and we are open to talking with you about any concerns.

As a husband and a parent, my heart breaks for the Huguenin family. Dr. Huguenin's loss will have a significant impact on the school community. It is important that we, as a district family, come together to support each other at this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Neal Dickstein  
Superintendent of Schools