



Dear Bounce Back Program families,

We are very sad to share with you that one of our students, Sarah Arias, passed away as a result of an attempt to take their own life. Our hearts are with the student's family during this very painful time.

At Bounce Back, students engage in social-emotional learning, specifically around empathy. While our young people continue to learn and explore what empathy means, we will support them and nurture appropriate responses during this time.

We do not have any information about a memorial service at this time; however, we will pass it along at the direction of the family.

We will have mental health support at the Bounce Back Program for anyone who may need additional emotional help. This type of loss may be difficult for our children to understand, so we will have additional district staff members that have experience with this type of situation to help us through.

Children often have questions about death and loss, so you may consider discussing any worries they may have about it. We have mental health support at the school for anyone who may need additional emotional help. If your student is struggling with grief and needs extra support immediately, please contact either Mind Springs, 970-201-4299, or the Colorado Crisis Services hotline, 1-844-493-8255, or text TALK to 38255. We have also provided you with additional information that can help you support your student during this difficult time.

Again, our deepest condolences go out to the Arias family.

Sincerely,

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