

November 30, 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We were saddened to learn that one of our 12th grade students at Texas City High School died yesterday. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the Vela family and friends. We know that Brandy was well-liked and respected at Texas City High School and that she felt school was a safe place for her.

Many students have been affected by this news. We encourage you to be especially sensitive and prepared to offer support to your child during this time. Deaths like this impact different children in different ways.

Over the next few days, encourage your child to express his/her feelings and listen attentively. Counselors are available on campus to help our school community deal with this loss. If your child needs any counseling assistance, please do not hesitate to call one of them at the school, 409-916-0800.

If you don't think your child is responding in a healthy manner, here are additional resources for you: Gulf Coast Center for Mental Health, 409-935-6083; National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 800-273-8255; Teen Health Center at Calvin Vincent, 409-916-0720.

Thank you for your concern and support during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Holly La Roe
Principal