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To the Community of Essexville-Hampton Public Schools,

It is with deep sadness that we share the news of the passing of Polly Christensen, beloved paraprofessional at Verellen Elementary and parent of Essexville-Hampton Public Schools. She passed away tragically in a car accident on Sunday evening, February 18, 2024. Many of you know that Mrs. Christensen was also the parent of Mason Christensen, an 8th grader at Cramer Junior High School. Mason was also in the vehicle and is currently in critical condition.

Mrs. Christensen was a cherished member of our school community since 2016, working as a paraprofessional at Verellen. She was known for dedication, kindness, patience and unwavering commitment to students.



Polly Christensen

We understand that this unexpected loss will have a profound impact on many in our school community. Grief counselors and other support staff will be available at Verellen and Cramer on Wednesday, February 21 to provide support to students, staff, and families in partnership with the Bay-Arenac ISD. Please do not hesitate to reach out for help if you or someone you know is struggling.

The Cramer Junior High basketball games scheduled for this evening have been canceled.

The district is asking the community to honor the family's wishes of respect for their privacy at this time.

We will share information about memorial arrangements as they become available. In the meantime, please join us in keeping the Christensen family in your thoughts and prayers.

With Deep Sadness,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Justin Ralston".

Dr. Justin Ralston
Superintendent

Essexville-Hampton Public Schools Mission:

Essexville-Hampton District Mission is to create a collaborative environment
that encourages every learner to reach his or her unique potential.