

April 27, 2025

Dear Adult Education community,

It was with shock and deep sadness that we learned of the tragic event during the Lapu Lapu Block Party. Our hearts go out to the families and their loved ones of those directly impacted and to those who may have witnessed this horrific incident.

Shocking events affect us all – sometimes very differently. The team at South Hill Education Centre is here for students who may need some additional support during this time. We are arranging support for Adult Education students to help everyone cope during this difficult time.

As tomorrow, Monday, is a non-instructional day, students will not be attending school. However, counsellors will be available at all of our secondary schools between 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. All students are welcome to speak with a counsellor if they would like some assistance. When arriving at the school, please go to the main office and staff will assist you.

Families are also reminded that a crisis assistance center has been established by the VPD including victim services: in-person at Douglas Park Community Centre (801 West 22nd Avenue) or phone (604) 717-3321.

If you feel you may need our support, please contact our office at 604-713-5770 or email [adulthoodeducationadvisors@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:adulthoodeducationadvisors@vsb.bc.ca) and we can help. Please take care of yourselves and each other.

Sincerely,

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