

## BURGETTSTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Mr. Stephen P. Puskar Superintendent

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

It is with profound sadness that we write to inform you of the passing of one of our employees. Mrs. Vicky Faux, an employee since 2003, most recently serving as a general cafeteria worker in the middle/high school, passed away yesterday. Mrs. Faux was well respected in our schools, and certainly well liked, too.

Though Mrs. Faux was ill for some time, her passing was unexpected. When unexpected death occurs, it is difficult to predict how people will react. In the school setting, faculty, staff, and students become like one big family, and so we try to prepare for the grieving process as best as we can when the death is one of these individuals. Accordingly, we have arranged for our counselors and social workers to be available to anyone at the middle/high school who may need to talk about their grief or what they are feeling. Students simply need to ask a teacher for permission to report to the guidance office and they will be able to do so.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mrs. Faux's family at this most difficult time.