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The Coatesville Area School District is devastated by the tragic and horrific news that one of our former students was found dead over the weekend, a victim of inhumane abuse by her father and his girlfriend.

**Twelve-year-old** Malinda Hoagland was enrolled in our school district from spring 2022 through December 2023 when her family withdrew her from North Brandywine Middle School and enrolled her in another cyber charter school. Our staff diligently reported concerns about her welfare to the state agency that receives and manages concerns. Shortly thereafter, she was withdrawn from our schools. Her younger brother remained a student at King's Highway. He is now in protective custody and is expected to be relocated to another county and school district.

This news shakes our entire school community, and we are deeply saddened and upset by the horrific details of the abuse this child suffered.

Counselors trained in grief and trauma support will be available at King's Highway Elementary, Scott Middle School, and North Brandywine Middle School, the schools that Malinda attended in our district, for both staff and students who may need to speak with someone or would like support in processing this tragedy.

We join collectively in mourning the life of this child. No matter the length of time a child is a student in our school district, every child matters deeply and their welfare and well-being is critically important to us. We will collaborate in the coming days on ways in which we can honor Malinda's life as a school community and support our students as they cope with this tragic information.

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**Superintendent: Catherine Van Vooren, Ed. D.**