




MEMORANDUM DCD #7, 2022-23

To: Chairs, University of Toronto Scarborough
Cc: Chairs' Assistants, Undergraduate Coordinators & Departmental Assistants
From: Professor William A. Gough, Vice-Principal Academic & Dean 
Date: 2 November 2022
Re: **Woburn Collegiate Institute Tragedy**
Note: For broad distribution to course instructors and teaching assistants

Dear Colleagues:

The University of Toronto's Scarborough campus is profoundly saddened by [news](#) regarding an incident in front of Woburn Colligate Institute (WCI). We stand in solidarity with WCI through this tragedy.

We know this news may take a heavy toll on many in our campus community: mourning, grieving, and experiencing feelings of anger and frustration. We extend our sincerest condolences to those impacted.

I urge all of us to support one another, and to make use of the various resources available to help us during this time. Should you or members of your team require support, please reach out to one of the following organizations.

[Employee & Family Assistance Program](#)

- Employees have 24/7 access to counselling and mental health supports through our EFAP provider LifeWorks.

[Distress Centre](#)

- A confidential help-line available 24/7/365 to people in emotional distress - **[416-408-HELP \(4357\)](#)**.

Additional [resources](#) on traumatic events are available on the Healthy Campus Initiative Website for Staff, Faculty and Librarians.

If a student comes to you looking for support, please encourage them to utilize one of the following resources available to them:

- My Student Support Program (MySSP) provides mental health support for all U of T students free of charge. For information on how you can connect with MySSP counselling support - **[My Student Support Program](#)**.
- **[Peer Supporters](#)**, a group of students skilled in supportive counselling with lived/living experiences of mental health, are also available.
- **[Good2Talk](#)**, a free, confidential helpline with professional counselling, information and referrals for mental health, addictions, and well-being, 24/7/365. Please call **[1-866-925-5454](#)**.

Sincerely,

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