


*The Alex Patenaude  
Compassion Project*



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Alex, I can't believe the news. You were a great person and went out of your way to make me feel good about myself. 🙏

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Alex...You taught me how to be a better friend and how to respect differences of opinion.

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When I struggled, you would constantly see how I was doing in the halls and sit next to me in the cafeteria in the mornings and talk about Harry Potter...

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Hello,

I just wanted to show you how amazing your son was. Senior year, he helped me when I wanted to kill myself. He saved my life. He is dearly missed and meant the world to so many people. Thank you for raising such an amazing kid

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*We are happy to be announcing two important elements of the Alex Patenaude Compassion Project today.*

- The Alex Patenaude Compassion Award
- The Alex Patenaude Compassion Project: Elementary School Pilot



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# *What is The Elementary School Pilot?*

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**This is a Social-Emotional Learning and Positive Behavior Interventions pilot** in 2 elementary schools.

- This program is being created with the support of Dr. Imad Zaheer of Montclair State University.
- The project will initially be led internally by Dr. Felice Harrison-Crawford, plus the two participating elementary school principals.



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# *What is a Social-Emotional Learning/Positive Behaviors Program?*

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- **Positive Behavioral Interventions & Support (PBIS)** provides a framework for teachers and administrators to build a positive environment in the school.
- **Social Emotional Learning (SEL)** provides a curriculum to teach children (K-12) how to understand and regulate their emotions – essentially, teaching elements of emotional intelligence, such as self awareness, self restraint, delayed gratification, and more.



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- **Both interventions – SEL and PBIS – have been extensively studied over the past 30 years, and they are mutually reinforcing.**
- When done right, they “stick” 90% of the time, and study after study has demonstrated that they can have significant and lasting positive impacts on students.



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# What are the Benefits of The Alex Patenaude Compassion Project School Pilot?

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In these pilots, School Teams will develop a *customized SEL/PBIS framework* at each school. Results will be transparent, with dashboards and ongoing metrics.

## Benefits to Montclair include:

- Supporting personal growth and development for ALL students, plus professional development for all staff
- Providing support for other strategic initiatives, including *Undoing Racism* and the achievement gap.
- Potential reductions in drug use, bullying and stress, along with the opportunity for improvement in academic performance



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*If the elementary school pilots are successful, we hope to roll out this approach, along with an expanded awards program, across the district over the next 4-5 years, with continuing support from the Alex Patenaude Fund.*



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