

# TIPS FOR EDUCATORS AND STAFF TAKING CARE OF OURSELVES

## **Limit Media Consumption**

• News and social media coverage can be overwhelming and feel nonstop. Protect your brain by limiting your access.

## **Prioritize Sleep**

• Stress and anxiety can make sleep more difficult. Our brains and bodies need sleep to function. Put the devices away and prioritize rest.

#### Talk to Loved Ones

• Seek support from loved ones. Isolation can exacerbate

feelings of stress or anxiety. Connect with others based on your comfort level.

## **Move Your Body**

 Moving your body releases hormones to help with your mood. Find movements that feel good for you (e.g., yoga, walking, dancing).

#### **Find Balance**

 Take some time to think about the positive moments, events, and people in your life. This can help balance your perspective.

## Ask for Help

 Seek support and help from the people in your life. We are not meant to do life alone.

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