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Rockland Area Schools Mourn Loss of Longtime Staff Member

Ellen Spring Was Also Well Known in the Running Community,

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Ellen Spring

THOMASTON — Ellen Spring, who served the Rockland area school district as a librarian and coach for 25 years, has died.

The announcement was sent to the Oceanside community on Wednesday, Oct. 2, by Oceanside High School Principal Jesse Bartke.

"I am sending this message today with some very sad news. Our beloved colleague Ellen Spring passed away after a long battle with cancer. Ellen worked in the district for 25 years as both a librarian and middle school track coach," he said in the note.

"We have social workers and school counselors available to support everyone through the grieving process. Please reach out to the school if you feel as though your student would like or need some support through this difficult time.

"Ellen will be missed by the countless students and athletes she inspired over her decades of service to the youth in the Midcoast. For those of you who knew Ellen next time you are out for a run or reading a good book, take a moment to be grateful for having the opportunity to have had her in your life," he said.

Spring was also well known in the running community. The 72-year-old woman last ran in the Boston Marathon in 2022.

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