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**May 28, 2020**

**Northville Board of Education schedules public hearings for proposed additions to Health Curriculum Resources**

The Northville Public Schools Board of Education will host two public hearings for school parents and community members to comment on proposed additions to the instructional materials used for students at the secondary level. The buildings that could potentially use these resources include: Northville High School, Meads Mill Middle School, and Hillside Middle School. The proposed materials are the following:

- Safe Schools, Northville High School Seminar Classes
- QPR/Safe Talk, Northville High School Mental Health Support Tools
- Prepare U, Northville High School Health Courses
- Second Step, Middle School Mental Health Support Tools

Safe Schools

The Safe Schools video learning series for students focuses on **essential school climate topics** designed to support and educate students in grades 9-12. These short, age-appropriate courses feature diverse peer presenters on multiple school climate topics, including Bullying & Cyberbullying, Youth Suicide Awareness, Alcohol, Vaping & Drug Prevention, Sexual Harassment, and Digital Citizenship. This tool will be used for both prevention and awareness training as well as remediation. Safe School courses are tentatively scheduled to be assigned as part of the Seminar schedule with support and guidance for teachers and students through the counseling, social work and psychologist offices.

QPR

QPR (Question/Persuade/Refer) is crisis intervention training and suicide awareness instruction followed by a step by step training to better recognize signs of suicide and engage someone and connect them to an intervention resource for further support. This program is designed for anyone ages 14 and above. In addition, this program could serve as a supplementary piece to our existing mental health supports.

Prepare U

Prepare U is a curriculum that supports the mental health and wellness of 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students. It includes 15 units. Prepare U has a digital component, as well as an online portal, to which license users will have access. These components include: class videos to supplement lessons, ice breakers, teacher manuals, supplemental games and materials, Additionally Prepare U has a home edition that contains 11/15 units that are taught in the classroom. The home edition mirrors what has been taught in class so parents can support their children as well as provide digital access to students. This model supports both at home and distance learning.

## Second Step

Second Step SEL is research-based, teacher-informed, and classroom-tested to promote the social-emotional development, safety, and well-being of children from Early Learning through Grade 8.

Northville Public Schools currently uses Second Step at the pre-school/elementary level to support students at Tier 1 and Tier 2. At the middle school level, the Second Step Program includes four units per grade level focusing on common middle school social emotional needs/challenges, with multiple lessons in each unit. Lessons are age appropriate with engaging video content and discussion questions.

## Public Hearing

The proposed materials have been reviewed and approved by the district's 17-member Health Advisory Board, comprised of parents of children attending Northville Public Schools, as well as district educators, a high school student, local clergy, and community health professionals, as required by law.

The next step in the curriculum review process is to offer parents and community members the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed materials, prior to Board of Education consideration, during the preview opportunities and public hearings noted below. If approved by the Board, the new materials would be implemented for the 2020-21 school year.

**Tuesday, June 9, 2020**

**5:00 p.m., with a materials overview opportunity from 4:30-5:00 p.m.  
via Zoom**

*and*

**Tuesday, June 23, 2020**

**(During regular Board of Education meeting)**

**6:30 p.m., with a materials overview opportunity from 6:00-6:30 p.m.  
via Zoom**

To register for one of the materials overview opportunities, please contact Ms. Alaina Volante at [Volanteal@northvilleschools.org](mailto:Volanteal@northvilleschools.org).

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***Notice of Meeting***

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**The Northville Board of Education**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING OPPORTUNITIES  
PROPOSED REVISION IN THE MATERIALS OR METHODS USED IN  
INSTRUCTION UNDER SECTION 380.1169 and 380.1507**

(Middle and High School Mental Health and Social Emotional Curriculum)

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**Public Hearing Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions
3. Legal Authority for the Public Hearing
4. Purpose of the Public Hearing
5. Advisory Board Process and Recommendations
6. Process for Conducting the Public Hearing
7. Public Comment (*bulk of meeting*)
8. Closing Comments
9. Adjourn

*Note: Citizens are asked to complete a comment card to be called on to speak, and are encouraged to provide written comment, together with their verbal comment, for the purpose of accurately recording comments.*