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Hope Squad Amplifies Student Mental Health Awareness & Support at Redford Union

Redford Union School District (RUSD) is dedicated to prioritizing our students' mental health and wellbeing. As such, RUSD will be piloting an initiative within Redford Union Junior High and High School that is designed to build student leadership skills, lessen the stigma around speaking about mental health issues, and combat student suicide rates.

Hope Squad, a peer-to-peer prevention program, will be implemented beginning in fall 2024. Through the Hope Squad program, select students will go through "question, persuade and refer (QPR) training" to help their fellow peers and alert Building & District staff when someone may be considering harming themselves, as we want to ensure that every student feels heard and supported.

The RUSD Hope Squad chapter is one of the first of its kind within a Wayne County public school district. Hope Squad will join RUSD's other suicide prevention and mental health support efforts as an intervention solution. The District hopes the program will help students feel more comfortable with speaking up if they are struggling from a mental health standpoint for whatever reason(s).

If your child needs mental health support, please contact millerj1@redfordu.k12.mi.us or your child's building administrator(s).