

Press Release



Community Unit School District 303

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Suicide Prevention Action Plan Revealed

Plan is a Result of Four Community Engagement Meetings

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St. Charles Community Unit School District 303 will implement a Suicide Prevention Action Plan that was developed during the Summit on Suicide Prevention. The four session community engagement sessions gathered input from members of the community including several civic, community, law enforcement and faith-based agencies.

The basis of the Suicide Prevention Action Plan is four goals developed by the community.

1. All District 303 students will know what supports are available for depression and suicide prevention and where to go for help at school and in the community
2. All District 303 parents will know what supports are available for depression and suicide prevention and where to go for help at school and in the community
3. The community will understand the importance of our students' mental health and identify opportunities to support our students and parents
4. All staff will be trained in recognizing students who are at risk for suicide and depression and provide appropriate level of support

Details of the Suicide Prevention Action Plan can be viewed at d303.org. Several of the items contained in the Action Plan came from the input of students during the Summit on Suicide Prevention sessions. Some of those suggestions include:

- Use electronic communication tools favored by students such as text messaging, Facebook and Twitter
- Provide mental health support information on the back of student ID cards
- Implement programs designed to promote resiliency and emotional health

In addition, pending Board of Education approval, District 303 will enter a contractual agreement with Suicide Prevention Services of Batavia to provide additional support and staff training.

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