

## UPPER PERKIOMEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Education Center  
2229 E. Buck Road  
Pennsburg, PA 18073

### Ad Hoc Suicide Prevention Committee Meeting

February 20, 2020 – 6:00 pm

**CHAIR:** Dr. Kerry Drake

**MEMBERS:**

Mike Elliott

Judy Maginnis

Superintendent of Schools – Dr. Allyn Roche

Assistant Superintendent – Dr. Andrea Farina

Director of Curriculum & Instruction – Mrs. Kimberly Bast

### **AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Motion to approve November 21, 2019 Minutes (Attachment A) *Pending*
  - a. Goal / Mission of the Suicide Prevention Ad Hoc Committee
    - i. Draft Goal: Maximize district and community resources while collaborating and partnering with ALL stakeholder groups to support every student, parent/guardian, staff member, and community member so everyone is educated on the signs of suicides, available resources and supports for individuals and how to refer and access help and support toward reducing and eliminating suicide in the Upper Perkiomen Community.
3. Discussion
  - a. **Communication** – What communication methods can Upper Perk utilize to best promote, highlight and inform our community of the many supports currently taking place in the District?
  - b. What community programs and organizations have a similar mission for Suicide Prevention?
    - i. How can we partner with them? How can we combine resources?
    - ii. Can we use our facilities to be a location to host community support events?
  - c. Follow-up – Shared at the previous meeting was information from the Montgomery County Suicide Prevention Taskforce (statistics and programs)
    - i. Since the meeting, the following information was found if the committee wanted to contact other counties for similar information/resources:

1. Bucks County - Keeley Rosenthal- [kwrosenthal@buckscounty.org](mailto:kwrosenthal@buckscounty.org)
2. Berks County - Mary Hennigh- [MHennigh@countyofberks.com](mailto:MHennigh@countyofberks.com) and  
Ann Blankenhorn- [Ann.Blankenhorn@readinghealth.org](mailto:Ann.Blankenhorn@readinghealth.org)

4. Next Steps