

# GLTHS students hear candid story of bullying, suicide

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TYNGSBORO -- Greater Lowell Technical High School is committed to the health and wellness of our students.

As part of that commitment, the school recently welcomed John Halligan, presenter of "Ryan's Story," to meet with students in Health and Wellness classes, and provide a schoolwide presentation to discuss bullying prevention and awareness.

On Oct. 7, 2003, Halligan's son, Ryan, committed suicide after enduring intense bullying online and at school by several peers at his middle school in Essex Junction, Vt. In memory of Ryan, Halligan worked tirelessly to have the Vermont Bully Prevention bill signed into law only a few short months after Ryan's death as well as a law pertaining to mandatory suicide-prevention education in public schools. He has traveled extensively throughout North America, working with schools, students and parents on issues surrounding bullying and cybersafety.

Lowell Circle Health helped to bring "Ryan's Story" to Greater Lowell Tech.

For more information about "Ryan's Story," visit [www.ryanpatrickhalligan.org](http://www.ryanpatrickhalligan.org).