



Community Information Meeting



What is a Hope Squad?



Why **H**  **OP** **E** ?
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A Call to Action

According to the 2021 Youth Risk Behavior Survey released in 2023, in the 12 months preceding the survey, more than 1 in 6 high school students **16.4%** in Montana reported having **been bullied online**, **41%** had feelings of sadness or hopelessness, and **21.7%** of students (about 1 in 5) reported having **considered attempting suicide**.



**There's no substitute for the
human connection.**



Peer-to-Peer Program Research

Peer-to-peer school-based crisis prevention program, the Hope Squad, showed a reduction in mental health stigma and increased knowledge of resources and strategies for helping peers (Wright-Berryman et al., 2018).

HOPE SQUAD PROMOTES:

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- A school culture of inclusivity through connection.

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- Refines interpersonal skills.

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- Promotes anti-bullying.

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- Encourages School Safety through connection.

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- Helps to reduce the stigma of mental illness.

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- Promotes help-seeking behavior.

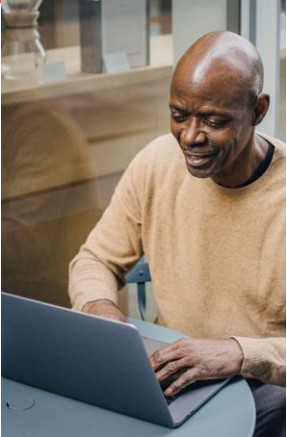
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Accepted to
SPRC Best Practices
Registry Listing



TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL HOPE SQUAD

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**Involved
Principal &
Faculty**

2



**Dedicated
Advisors**

3



**Supportive
Staff**

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**Committed
Hope
Squad
Members**

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**Supportive
Parents**

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**Partnership
with local
community
mental health
resources.**

Parent Permission Required

It's a commitment





What Do Hope Squad Members Do?

Hope Squad Members....

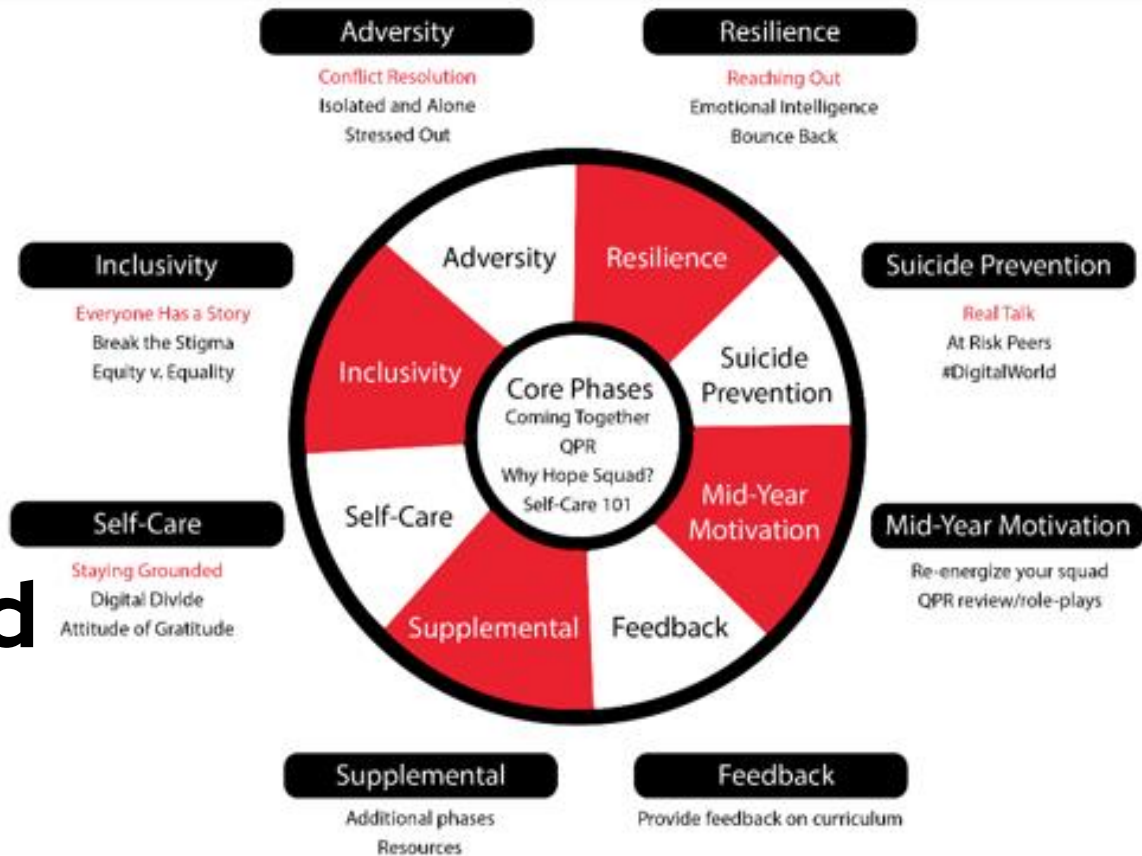
Organize school-wide activities that promote connectedness

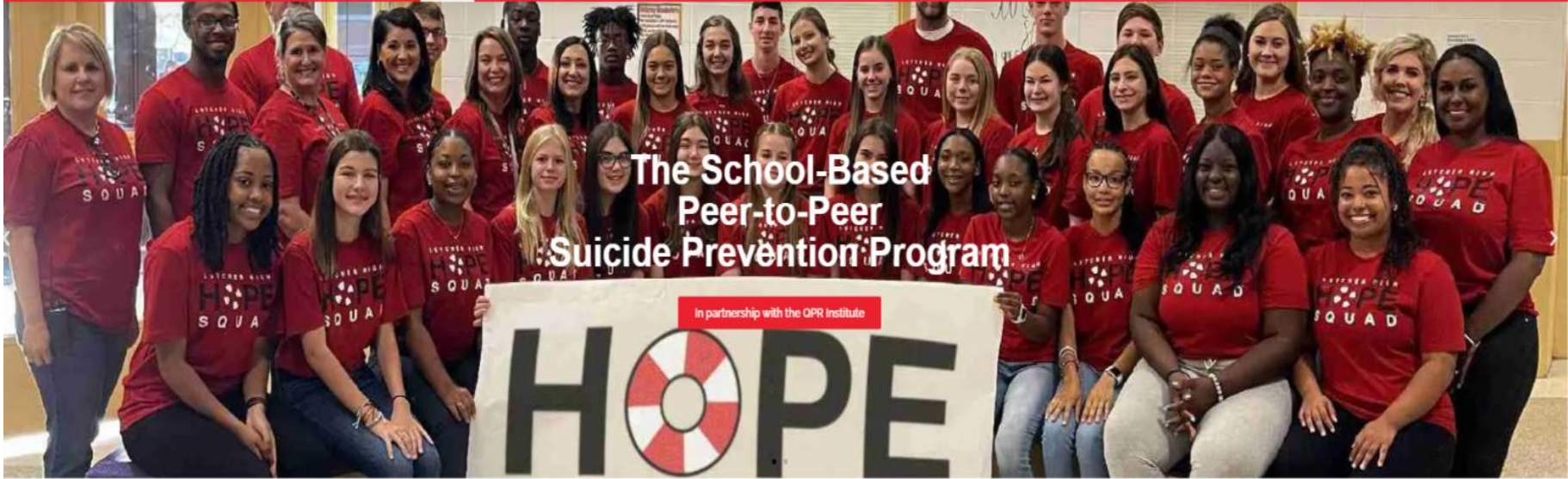
Serve as a bridge to support for fellow students

Are NOT trained to be counselors or therapists

Spread HOPE and positivity within a school

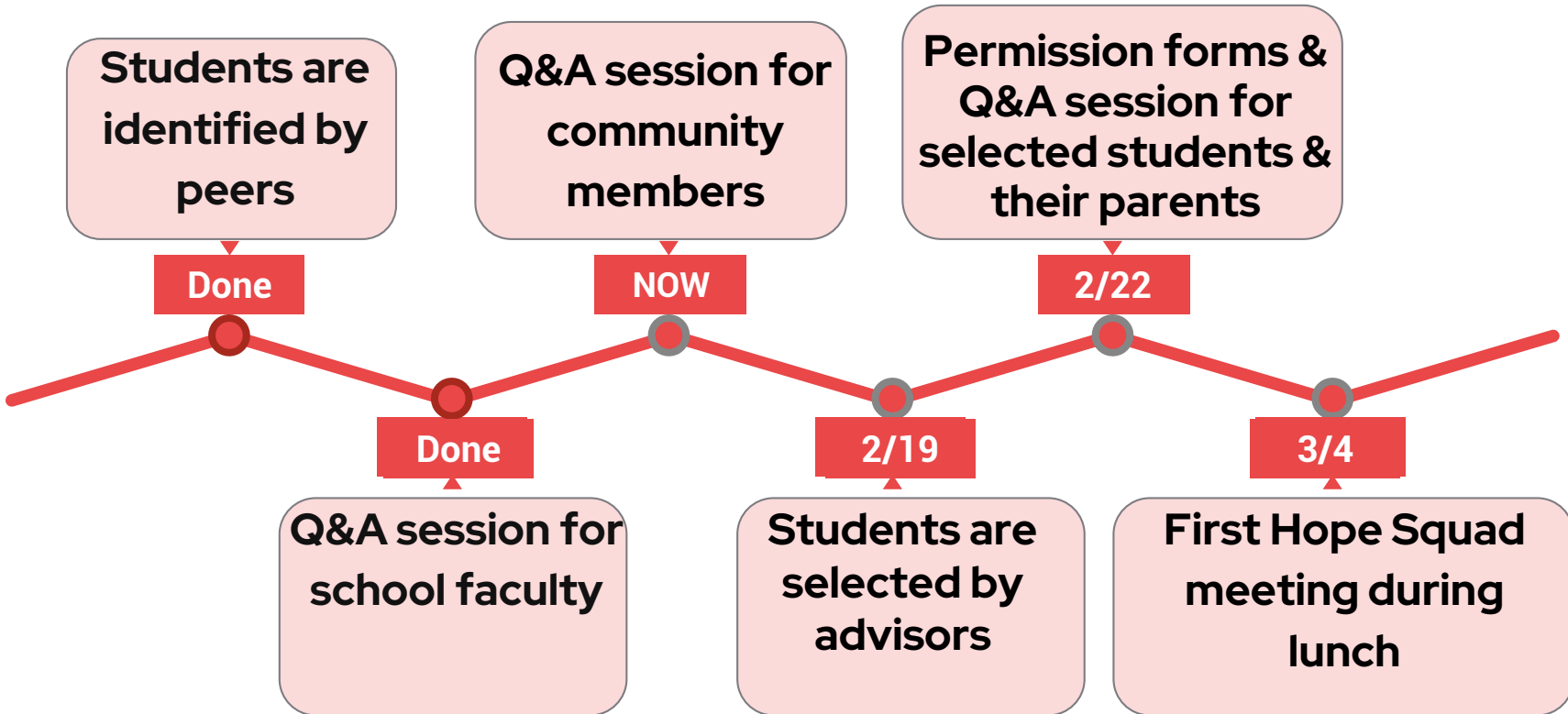
Hope squad curriculum at a glance





www.hopesquad.com

TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION



Special Guests & Advisors

Tim Tharp - Pastor, County Superintendent

Jessica Gilbert - Behavioral Health/Crisis
Coordinator

Advisors - Mrs. Clausen, Ms. Muscha, Mrs. Spinner,
Mrs. Christensen, Mrs. Kollman

How can you help?

Please help support Hope Squad by:

- Being positive about the program
- Showing support with positive comments
- Watching and referring concerns to advisors or the school counselor
- Supporting squad activities and encouraging the student body to support and participate



Questions?

