

Urbandale Community School District Announces Hope And Healing Community Meeting

UCSD will host a “Hope and Healing” meeting to provide additional support and resources to parents and adult community members mourning the recent loss of two Urbandale Middle School students

URBANDALE, Iowa – February 27, 2015 – The safety, security and well-being of all students in the [Urbandale Community School District](#) are top priorities which is why the District is hosting a “Hope and Healing: Community Support and Resource Meeting” on Wednesday, March 4, 2015, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Urbandale High School Performing Arts Center (PAC). The meeting will focus on enhancing the community's ability to heal and move forward following the tragic loss of two Urbandale Middle School students, understanding more about suicide warning signs, increasing resiliency in youth and providing effective ways to help children cope with the loss of a friend.

School Board members and District Administrators will welcome parents and community members followed by a presentation from [Jeffrey S. Kerber, PhD, LMFT](#), Clinical Manager of UnityPoint Health Des Moines Counseling Centers and Employee Assistance Program and previously a full-time practicing clinician for 15 years, and conclude with a question/answer session. This meeting is designed to provide additional support and resources for Urbandale parents and adult community members and is provided at no cost to attendees. All interested Urbandale parents, staff, teachers and adult community members are encouraged to attend. To learn more, visit: [UrbandaleSchools.com](#)

About Urbandale Community School District

The Urbandale Community School District includes portions of Des Moines and Urbandale, Iowa. The district serves over 3,900 students in six elementary schools, one middle school and one comprehensive high school. The Urbandale district supports an increasingly diverse student population where 50 languages are spoken. Building on the existing foundation of excellence in education, Urbandale is transforming education throughout the district. By implementing innovative [Quality/Continual Improvement](#) strategies that create learning environments that more fully engage, challenge and motivate students, Urbandale is taking transformation from theory into practice. Urbandale prepares students for becoming lifelong learners and is a school district that brings learning to life for everyone. To learn more, visit: [UrbandaleSchools.com](#)

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