**SUICIDE PREVENTION PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Directions:** In a group of approximately 4 people you will create a public service announcement to inform others about suicide prevention. Each group member will have a role in the group and will be responsible to fulfill their task.

You are allowed to choose your own group, but remember to choose your group members wisely. You need to be able to stay on task and work during class time. It is your responsibility to finish this during class!

**Group Member Roles / Descriptions:** You will need to assign one person to each role. Write the name of the person in your group that is assigned to the role underneath the description. All group members will be responsible for creating and writing the script.

- **Videographer:** This person is in charge of recording the public service announcement and communicating a low battery on the camera or technology help to Mrs. LaPointe. This person will also be responsible for uploading the video onto Mrs. LaPointe’s computer.
  
  ________________ is the videographer

- **Director:** This person is in charge of making sure that the script is being followed and is the leader of the group. If there is a question that group members can not answer together, it is the director’s job to ask Mrs. LaPointe for help.
  
  ________________ is the director

- **Actor #1:** This person is in the public service announcement video and is responsible for memorizing lines.
  
  ________________ is Actor #1

- **Actor #2:** This person is in the public service announcement video and is responsible for memorizing lines.
  
  ________________ is Actor #2
Public Service Announcement Requirements:

You have the ability to be as creative as you’d like to warn people about the dangers of untreated depression and identify what the warning signs of suicide and depression are. There are several things that you need to remember:

1) This needs to be school appropriate! No swearing, no tobacco, no alcohol, no illegal drugs or weapons are to be used or pretended to be used during the making of your public service announcement.

2) There will be no pretending to commit suicide in the public service announcement. That is also not school appropriate.

3) Mental illnesses and depression are true illnesses. You will need to portray people in the public service announcement with depression and/or mental illnesses with respect and dignity.

What You Need to Include in the Public Service Announcement:

1) There needs to be a minimum of two actors in the public service announcement.

2) The public service announcement needs to be at least 30 seconds long and no longer than 4 minutes.

3) You need to include a minimum of three warning signs of suicide AND a minimum of three warning signs of depression.

4) You need to include the definition of depression and what can occur if depression is not treated.

5) You need to include the definition of suicide and at least one cause of depression that can lead to suicide.

6) You need to include the definition of self-injury.

7) You need to include two adults that you can talk to if you are suffering from depression or feelings of suicide.

8) You must include accurate information.

9) You must portray the information in a respectful and school appropriate way.

10) You must include one other piece of information on suicide prevention that you would like to share with others that is accurate and school appropriate.