



**Celebrate Hope LLC**

**Partnership with Waterford School  
District**

Presentation to

**Board of Education**

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# Who is Celebrate Hope?

- **Certified Social and Emotional Intelligence Coaches & Certified Level One Trauma Providers**
  - **Work with Schools, Corporate Environments, Non Profit Agencies**
- **Both Parents of Children with Unique and Special Needs**
- **Celebrate Hope created out of love and frustration at lack of help for parents**
- **We need to be in relationship with those that “Get It”**
- **We need Judgement Free Zones**
- **We must meet each other where we are at**
- **We offer Support and Care for those deemed “different”**
- **We Recognize Need to be: Seen – Heard - Loved**





# What does Celebrate Hope Do?

Create environments of improved health through teaching **Educators** that work with Special Needs Students and **Parents** the importance of Social and Emotional Intelligence

- **Systematic Approach For Both Educators and Parents is Utilized To:**
  - Improve Relationships
  - Build Trust
  - Teach about Empathy and Healthy Communication
  - Understand Reciprocal Responsibility of Being In Relationship with Each Other.
  - No “us’ vs “them”
  - Take Ownership of our Emotions and Normalize them.
  - Seeing each other as Individuals
- Long Term Goal is to provide this support to Student Support Services Department





# **Celebrate Hope Partnership**

- **April 2017 - Nadine Milostan, Executive Director, Student Support Services Department brought Celebrate Hope to Waterford School District based on:**
  - **Survey needs of parents with Special Needs Children**
  - **Desire to enhance support being offered and provide a level of care that lets parents know that they are not alone**
  - **Enhance support staff understanding of what parents experience**



# Parent Support

**Seminar “Finding Hope “** - 2 contracted (9/2017, 9/2018)

Trauma, Grief, Acceptance, Hope, Building New Support Systems, Coping Skills

**Monthly Support Gatherings** – 17 contracted (10/2017 – 6/2019)

Educational Component & Support Building

**Parent Socials** - 3 contracted ( 4/2018, 10/2018, 1/2019)

Sharks Club - Low Entry Point to Build Relationships

Connect with Dads

**Summer Picnic** – 1 contracted (7/2018)

Family Outing

Connecting, Having Fun!



**Qtrly meetings with Parent Advisory Committee to further gauge needs of parents, students and staff**

















# Survey Comments from Parents

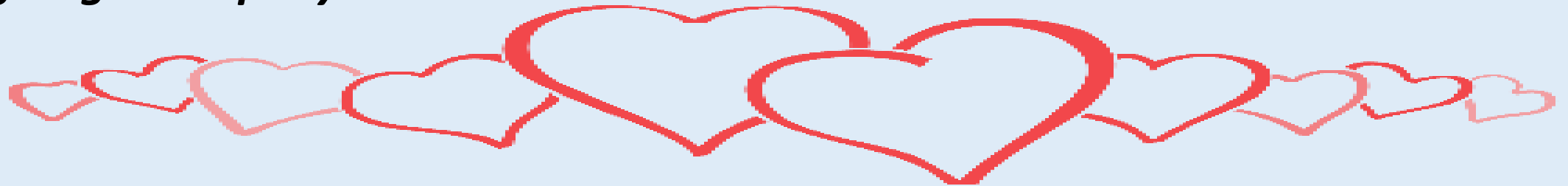
***“Lisa and John have helped me realize I am not alone”***

***“Learning about the movement of grief helped me normalize my intense emotions”***

***“I LOVED everything about the Finding Hope Seminar, I would not change a thing”***

***“Thank you Lisa and John, you get me like no one else has”***

***“I understand I have to be my own best friend and care for myself if I am going to help my child”***





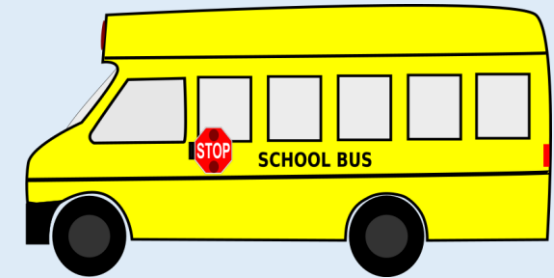
# Support for Educational Teams

## 8/2017 – The Value of Empathy in The Educational Environment – Para Pros and Transportation

- Understanding empathy at a deeper level
- Looking at each other through a deeper lens

## 3/2018 – The Importance of Healthy Communication – Para Pros

- Listening is more than just hearing
- Creating the right environment for sharing







# Survey Comments from Para Pro's & Transportation

***“Lisa and John made me look at each child that steps on my bus completely different”***

***“It was nice to be included in such a helpful seminar. I learned a lot about how to be a better communicator”***

***“John and Lisa taught me what it means to truly be empathetic about the struggles that parents face each day”***

***“Terrific material. Thank you for such a great seminar!”***

***“Never had anything like this! Wow! This will help me in all aspects of my life”***



# Current Status

Parent Support Gathering held this a.m!

Discussed importance of Emotional Intimacy in relationships

November 6, 2018 – Professional Development Day

Seminar – Social & Emotional Intelligence – For Educators

Seminar – Driving Down High Turn Over – For Para Pros







# Why we are still here!



- **Our Work Is Making a Difference!**
- **Continually addressing needs of parents and educators to ensure HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS are taking shape**
- **Parents have developed deep levels of trust with us and feel safe sharing and accepting guidance**
- **Parents are developing new coping skills that are helping!**
- **Educators are learning how to relate on a different level**