



*Education Committee - Board of Representatives*

Mary Savage, Chair

## Committee Report

**Date:** Wednesday, January 15, 2014

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** Democratic Caucus Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT 06905-2098

The Education Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Savage; Committee Member Reps. Buckman, Cerasoli, Moore, Nabel, Quinones and Velishka; absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Di Costanzo and Kolenberg. Also present were Michael Fernandez, Tamu Lucero, Michael Fernandez and Joe O'Callahan of the Stamford Public Schools.

Chair Savage called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. E29.003	REVIEW; efforts planned and in progress by the Stamford Public Schools in preventing teen suicides.	<b>REPORT MADE</b>

After introductions were made, Mr. Michael Meyer, Executive Director of Support Services for the Stamford Schools, began the presentation.

Among the topics, he reviewed were:

- the social-emotional components involved in a school experience
- the Curriculum Frameworks of the Health Curriculum
- screening, not identifying students
- Mental Health Best Practices
- counseling
- program development
- data driven needs assessments
- crisis response teams
- observation/awareness on the part of caring adults
- cultural issues in the school
- school climate
- parental involvement
- role of the community
- professional development for school staff

- partnership with Yale Child Study Center
- State-Wide Forums (12) Children/Youth Mental Health

Committee Members engaged in dialogue and presented many questions to the Guests. The topic generated lively discussion and request for further involvement and follow-up.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Submitted by,  
Mary M. Savage, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).