



# Holly Area Schools

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March 6, 2024

Dear Holly Area Chamber of Commerce and Holly Businesses,

The Holly High School community experienced tremendous losses this school year, including the tragic death of Senior, Deegan Walton, who took his own life.

Our students, particularly Deegan's friends, worked with building and district leaders to create a suicide awareness program to acknowledge the importance of prioritizing mental health.

This effort resulted into a partnership between **Holly Area Schools** and the **American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)**, to host an **"Out of the Darkness Campus Walk" at Holly High School on Saturday, April 20th.**

**Out of the Darkness Campus Walks** are designed to engage youth and adults in the fight to prevent suicide, a leading cause of death. Suicide and mental health conditions affect millions. Together, we can bring these issues Out of the Darkness and create a culture that's smart about mental health.

The need to support Mental Health awareness and prevention programs transcends communities and schools. Therefore, we are inviting our Broncho partners to take part in this opportunity to support suicide prevention.

The [HHS Out of the Darkness Walk](#) website provides information on registration, volunteering, and donation. Please use this link if you would like to make a donation to this event.

In addition, there is another link for sponsorship information for individuals, companies, and businesses who want to take an important role in supporting this event. [Sponsorship Information](#) (*Sponsorships are welcome at all times, please note that for companies to get their Logo on Walk T-Shirts, etc. the due date is March 9th*). Open link and download to complete the fillable form. All donations support the crucial work that the AFSP does around Michigan, and the nation, to fund suicide prevention programs.

We look forward to our greater community coming together in support of the Out of Darkness Campus Walk on Saturday, April 20th at Holly High School.

If you have any specific questions regarding the event, please reach out to Holly High School Principal, Eric Curl at [eric.curl@hask12.org](mailto:eric.curl@hask12.org).

Thank you,

Scott M. Roper, Superintendent

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